

January 5, 1998. Attorney Greg Hennessy gave the Oath of Office to Mayor Gordon Oelkers, and Councilmen W. Bruce Houle, Paul S. Finnicum and Bernie W. Finnicum.

The Culbertson Town Council met in regular session with the following present: Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum, Gordon Oelkers, Greg Hennessy, Steve Moore, Robert Jasper and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Guests: Don Loomer with Kadrmas Lee & Jackson, and absent: Keenan Engelke.

Jack Scotson made a motion to approve Dec. 1, 1997 minutes and accept 11-30-97 Treasurer Report. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Appointments. Mayor Gordon Oelkers made the following appointments:
Bernie W. Finnicum - Finance & Ordinances and President of Council
Jack Scotson - Water, Sewer and Landfill
W. Bruce Houle - Airport, Streets & Alleys
Paul S. Finnicum - Library, Pool, Parks & Cemetery

Water Storage Tank. Don Loomer with Kadrmas Lee & Jackson reported on his December inspection of the 1 million gal. water storage tank. Bolts in the bottom 2 rungs should be replaced to insure the integrity of the tank. There are 7000 bolts and washers in the bottom 2 rungs. Don suggested the town draw down the tank during a period of low usage and then replace every other bolt, so as not to disturb the seal. This would require sandblasting the area, replacing every other bolt and using steel wool behind the old bolt. The council discussed the coating for the tank: CI, 1061 (asphalt extended poly-urthane rubber membrane) and epoxy paint. Also discussed was the condition of the center beam. NATCO gave a quote of \$5110.00 for 700 tank bolts 1/2"x1 1/4" galvanized, square head with nut, 7000 tank washers 1/2" galvanized with bonded neoprene. Basin Sandblasting gave a proposal (not true bid costs) for partial sandblasting and coating 82'x24' 900,000 gal. cap. of the water storage tank with CIM 1061 \$97,000.00. Council will examine all options.

Oil Lease. Montana Oil Properties did offer \$60.00/acre for 3 years on Dec. 4, 1997. Mayor Oelkers signed the lease.

Garbage. Montola Growers Inc. asked Bob for a price quote to pick-up their garbage. They have 3 - 1 1/2 or 2 yd and 1 - 3 yd dumpsters. Jack Scotson made a motion that city water customers outside the city limits may receive city garbage service upon request for a fee. Paul Finnicum seconded the motion. After discussion of the motion, those voting in favor of the motion - none. All opposed the motion. MOTION FAILED.
Paul Finnicum made a motion to accept MGI at \$62.00/month for twice a week pick-up and Jerry Lyseng a residential garbage pick-up \$14.00/month for once a week pick-up. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Dumpster Rental. The city purchased 5 - 2 yd and 2 - 3 yd dumpsters from Waste Co. Manufacturing in Dickensen. Six of the seven dumpsters have been set. Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to rent the dumpsters for \$10.00/month for either size. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Bob wondered about setting a dumpster to be used for leaves and grass only to be set for convenience of town residents. There was some discussion on this but no decision.

I, Gordon Oelkers,

do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect and defend
the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State
of Montana, and that I will discharge the duties of the office of

Mayor

with fidelity, so help me God.



DATED this 5th day of January 5, 1998.

ATTEST:



I, Paul S. Finnicum,

do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect and defend
the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State
of Montana, and that I will discharge the duties of the office of

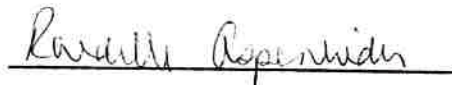
Councilman

with fidelity, so help me God.


Paul S. Finnicum

DATED this 5th day of January, 1998.

ATTEST:


Rowell Ropenwick

I, Bernie W. Finnicum,
do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect and defend
the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State
of Montana, and that I will discharge the duties of the office of
Councilman
with fidelity, so help me God.

Bernie W. Finnicum

DATED this 5th day of January 5, 1998.

ATTEST: Roselle Aspertich

I, W. Bruce Houle,
do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect and defend
the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State
of Montana, and that I will discharge the duties of the office of
Councilman
with fidelity, so help me God.

W. Bruce Houle

DATED this 5th day of January, 1998.

ATTEST:

Roxanne (S) ...

NATCO
P.O. Box 580
Williston, ND 58801

KADRMAS LEE & JACKSON
222 AIRPORT RD.
WILLISTON, ND
58801

QUOTATION NO:73770432
DATE:DECEMBER 5,1997
BRANCH:Williston
JOB SITE:CULBERTSON, MT

ATTENTION: Mr. Don Loomer

Thank you for your inquiry. We appreciate this opportunity to quote on your requirements in accordance with the following specifications, price and delivery. This equipment is offered in accordance with NATCO Terms and Conditions of Contract.

ITEM I PARTS

7000 TANK BOLTS 1/2" X 1 1/4" GALV. SQ. HEAD WITH NUT

7000 TANK WASHERS 1/2" GALV. WITH BONDED NEOPREME

FOB LOCATION **\$5,110.00**

DELIVERY: 4 WEEK

TERMS: NET THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM DATE OF INVOICE

VALIDITY: THIS QUOTATION IS VALID FOR (30) DAYS FROM DATE OF QUOTATION

FIRM PRICE: PRICES ABOVE ARE FIRM BASED ON ORDER RECEIVED DURING VALIDITY PERIOD

NOTE: FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS QUOTATION CONTACT:
Dave Cote AT OUR Williston, ND BRANCH
(701) 774-0341

BASIN SANDBLASTING
320 18th Street E.
WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA 58801

PROPOSAL

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PHONE/FAX (701) 774-9099

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|---|-----------------------|
| JOB NAME: MUNICIPAL WATER STORAGE TANK | |
| LOCATION: CULBERTSON, MT. | |
| PHONE: 572-6352 | DATE: 12-22-97 |

To:

KADRMAS LEE & JACKSON
ATT: DON LOOMER

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

- > **PARTIAL OR COMPLETE SANDBLASTING & COATING OF (80' X 24' 900,000 GAL. CAP.) WATER STORAGE TANK.**
INTERIOR BOLTED WALLS = 50,000⁰⁰
COMPLETE SANDBLASTING TO SPEC'S & COATED TO 60 MILS. w/ CIM 1061 (ASPAIT EXTENDED POLY-URTHANE RUBBER MEMBRANE)
INTERIOR CEMENT FLOOR = 20,000⁰⁰
w/ CIM 1061 (IF CRACKS PRESIST)
INTERIOR ROOF = 12,000⁰⁰
SANDBLASTED & COATED w/ TNE MEC (SERIES 20 & 66 TOPCOAT)
COMPLETE EXTERIOR = 15,000⁰⁰
SANDBLASTED & COATED w/ TNE MEC POLY-URTHANE
- > **SANDBLASTING OF BOLTED AREA PRIOR TO BOLT REPLACEMENT**
APPROXIMATELY 1200⁰⁰ - 1500⁰⁰ / 8' RIDG @ TIME & MATERIALS

WE PROPOSE hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with these specifications, for the sum of:


Payable as follows:

dollars (\$ **97,000⁰⁰**).

THIS IS JUST A PROPOSAL & NOT TRUE BIA COSTS.

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alterations or deviation from above specifications involving extra cost will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado, and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Authorized Signature



NOTE: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within _____ days.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL - The prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Carol Lyseng

HC 60 BOX 15
CULBERTSON MT.

Telephone 406 787 5867
Fax 406 787 5867

January 2, 1998

Culbertson Town Council
Culbertson, Mt. 59218

Dear Council members;

With the city now beginning to do garbage disposal I would like to request pick up at our home on a weekly basis. About a year ago we requested pickup from Mr. Labatte and he refused to pick up here, stating he was too busy.

Please consider allowing this service as we are presently on the town water system.

Thank You


Carol Lyseng

Montola Growers Inc.
Box 478
Culbertson, MT 59218

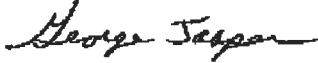
January 8, 1998

Town of Culbertson
Culbertson, MT 59218

Dear Raedelle,

We accept your quote of \$62.00/month for twice a week garbage service. You can start dumping our garbage dumpsters on January 9, 1998.

Sincerely,



George Jasper
Plant Supervisor

TOTAL P.01

TOWN OF CULBERTSON

CULBERTSON, MONTANA

Office Of The Mayor

January 8, 1998

Montola Growers Inc.
Box 478
Culbertson, MT 59218

FAX 787-6362

Dear Sir:

This is in response to your request for a price quote for garbage service from the Town of Culbertson. At the Jan. 5, 1998 regular meeting of the Town Council a motion was made and passed to accept Montola Growers Inc. as a garbage customer for \$62.00/month for twice a week pick-up.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Raedelle Aspenlieder

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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Landfill Ordinance. Due to EPA Regulations for landfills, and the fact that Culbertson Landfill changed from a Class II to a Class III some changes in the ordinance need to be made. Attorney Hennessy will draft a clean-up ordinance for the February meeting.

Cemetery. The Women's Club wanted a Committee for Tree Maintenance at the cemetery. Committee members will be Mary Lou Weeks - Women's Club, Steve Baldwin - Cemetery Committee and Paul S. Finnicum - Town Council.

Veralyn Smith, daughter of Hank & Millie (late) Kilsdonk, wanted to know if Hillside Cemetery had any restriction against a stack vault so that both she and her husband can be buried in the S½ Lot 3 next to their son who is buried in the N½ Lot 3 Blk. 216. Everson Funeral Home is aware of this and familiar with the stack vault. Council suggested Clerk call Everson Funeral Home to see if there are any adversities to this stack vault, exuming and how tall are the vaults. Clerk will report at Feb. meeting.

GJV. General journal voucher #205 was approved and signed.

Council reviewed insurance policy on the garbage truck.

Eastern Plains R C & D. Mayor Oelkers appointed W. Bruce Houle to represent Culbertson on the Eastern Plains R C & D Council.

Rural Water. The next meeting for Rural Water is Thursday, Jan. 8, 1998 at 6:00 P.M. at Spotted Bull Treatment Center. The council is in favor of the proposed study for rural water.

Council received a letter from Colleen M. Pankratz, Coordinator-Valley County Transit wanting support for plans to provide weekly service between Glasgow and Glendive with stops in Nashua, Frazer, Wolf Point and Circle.

Clerk reminded the council that Wednesday, Jan. 7th around 10:00 a.m. is the dedication of the new scale/rest area.

No U-Turn Signs. Council discussed the No U-Turn signs on Main Street and how unfriendly it appears. Jack Scotson will do some research on this.

The following bills were reviewed by the auditing committee and ordered paid:

| <u>General Fund:</u> | | <u>Enterprise Fund:</u> | |
|----------------------|---------|-------------------------|----------|
| Creative Cakes | 29.98 | Nemont Telephone | 102.40 |
| Nemont Telephone | 177.96 | MDU | 509.68 |
| MDU | 731.12 | Kadmas Lee & Jackson | 833.44 |
| MT State Treasurer | 175.00 | MDU | 394.89 |
| Postmaster | 32.00 | Roos. Mem. Clinic | 51.00 |
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 1479.69 | ND Dept. of Health | 75.00 |
| First Community Bank | 471.66 | L. Scanlan, Contractor | 5756.39 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 80.04 | DNRC | 32800.34 |
| PERS | 270.59 | Robert Jasper | 300.00 |
| MMIA | 191.23 | Kois Bros. Equip. Co. | 14000.00 |
| Unemp. Ins. Bureau | 20.59 | Raedelle Aspenlieder | 533.33 |
| The City Line | 399.48 | Postmaster | 80.20 |
| MDU | 448.01 | Joyce S. Norris | 164.67 |

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General Fund cont:

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Valley Comm. | 49.92 |
| Bruce Waldhausen | 125.00 |
| QBS | 131.55 |
| Sport About | 40.00 |
| Searchlight | 30.00 |
| Hennessy Law Office | 975.94 |
| Modern Aire Flight | 131.62 |
| The J.P. Cooke Co. | 33.67 |
| Nemont Tele. | 157.96 |
| Hometown Market | 19.72 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$6,202.73</u> |

Special Funds:

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| MDU | 1015.98 |
| MMIA | 48.42 |
| Unemp. Ins. Bureau | 3.32 |
| The City Line | 151.96 |
| MDU | 959.46 |
| Betty Schroeder | 75.00 |
| Culb. Library | 106.44 |
| Roos. Co. Sheriff Dept. | 916.66 |
| Miller Oil Co. | 22.10 |
| Finnicum's | 433.95 |
| Western Plains Mach. | 41.03 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 84.70 |
| Farm Plan | 322.58 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$4,181.60</u> |

Enterprise Fund cont:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Robert Jasper | 1789.38 |
| Steven Moore | 1644.82 |
| First Community Bank | 1185.64 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 220.18 |
| PERS | 640.13 |
| MMIA | 551.98 |
| Unemp. Ins. Bureau | 39.50 |
| The City Line | 45.24 |
| MDU | 690.27 |
| Sheridan Electric | 10.00 |
| QBS | 58.06 |
| Miller Oil Co. | 127.94 |
| Finnicum's | 38.49 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 209.70 |
| Bill Pfliger | 10.05 |
| Larsen Builders | 4.78 |
| Hawkins Water Treatment | 60.00 |
| Industrial Systems, Inc. | 21.49 |
| Hach | 40.00 |
| Tourangeau Nor Wes | 193.24 |
| Kirst Engineering | 220.02 |
| Northwest Pipe Fittings | 454.93 |
| Norlab Inc. | 58.00 |
| Jacobsen's Inc. | 8.36 |
| Triple M | 15.95 |
| Seitz Ins. | 376.00 |
| Robert Jasper | 9.67 |
| Robert Jasper | 210.00 |
| Dave's Sanitation | 5005.00 |
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 33.48 |
| Arrowhead Pest Control | 50.00 |
| Farm Plan | 6.41 |
| MDU | 764.24 |
| Nemont Telephone | 109.14 |
| Hometown Market | 18.43 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$70,521.86</u> |

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Clerk

John Oelker
Mayor

February 2, 1998. The Culbertson Town Council met in regular session with the following present: Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle, Gordon Oelkers, Greg Hennessy, Robert Jasper, Steve Moore and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Absent: Bernie W. Finnicum. Guests: Joe Moore.

Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to approve January 5, 1998 minutes and accept 12-31-97 Treasurer Report. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle and Jack Scotson. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

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Garbage. Council reviewed Ordinance No. 186. Jack Scotson moved passage of Ordinance No. 186 an Ordinance Amending Town Code Section 7.02.070 to Re-Establish Equitable Garbage Rates for the Town of Culbertson. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Jack Scotson, Paul S. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED. This was a housekeeping ordinance.

Block Dumpsters. Bob discussed the idea of having neighborhood block dumpsters. Bob said in one block for example, there are 22 garbage cans. Block dumpsters would not only benefit the customer, but also the town as there would be one stop and dump. Some suggestions: 1.) set a 2 yd. dumpster, 2.) split the \$10.00 dumpster rental fee among those in the block participating, 3.) those participating in the block dumpster must get rid of their garbage cans and racks, 4.) town will place the dumpster at town discretion subject to land owner approval, and 5.) it will be up to the interested parties on the block to promote and organize the idea of a block dumpster. Council agreed to make block dumpsters an available option. Dumpsters rented from the town are also maintained by the town.

Cemetery. Clerk checked with Clayton-Everson Funeral Home about stack vaults. According to Clayton-Everson it is really 2 seperate vaults - the first one would be 12' deep. No problem as far as they know. Council had no objections then to a stack vault. Clerk will respond to Veralyn (Kilsdonk) Smith.

U-Turns. Jack Scotson reported on the U-Turn sign situation. Jack called Ray Mengel in the Glendive Division Office. Ray said the Montana DOT approved the No U-Turn signs on a request from the Culbertson Town Council. If the Town Council chooses to recind that ordinance, we need to inform them for the Highway Dept. records. The double yellow line does not prohibit U-Turns. Council reviewed the Town Code Book. No action was taken.

RR Crossing. Information from Searchlight Editor Ila Mae Forbregd was that the railroad crossing south of town is on the work schedule for 1998. Ila Mae talked to BNSF Mike Cowles, Manager of RR Public Works, Seattle, WA ph. no. 206-625-6146 on 1-6-98.

Garbage. Gerald Bruns - Bruns Electric requested garbage pick-up service on 1-23-98. Gerald said he has a dumpster similiar to the size behind the town office. Presently, Gerald calls Dave's Sanitation when he needs a pick-up. Gerald would like to be on a monthly schedule. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to collect Bruns Electric garbage twice a week for \$22.00/month subject to change based on amount of garbage generated. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion - none. MOTION DIED. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to provide garbage service every Friday for \$32./month. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle, Paul S. Finnicum and Jack Scotson. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Sewer. Basin Septic Service wants to dump in the town's lagoons. They haul sewage from oil well septic tanks etc. Would there be a fee for this? W. Bruce Houle made a motion to accept Basin Septic at \$20.00/load dumped directly into lagoon. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle, Jack Scotson and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Infrastructure Programs Application Workshop. Jack Scotson made a motion to send Raedelle to the Montana Infrastructure Programs Application Workshop in Billings on March 19, 1998. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of

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Infrastructure Programs Application Workshop cont.

the motion: Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Rural Water. There will be a Steering Committee meeting for the Rural Water Pipeline on Thursday, Feb. 5, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Courtroom in Glasgow. Clerk will ask Rick Knick to come to the March 2nd Town Council Meeting for an update.

Council reviewed letter from Carol Lyseng requesting garbage service.

Town received a 1998 MMIA Workers' Compensation Program Dividend in the amount of \$1328.00.

Garbage Truck. Town had to pay back taxes on the garbage truck to license it - \$533.33. Kois Brothers wanted to know if the town would accept credit on account. Council said no, we paid cash and must receive cash back.

GJV's. General journal vouchers #206 and #207 were approved and signed.

Bill Forms. Clerk discussed frustration with the printing problems, specifically printing water bills. Clerk will get more information for the March meeting.

Council would like Robert Jasper to check into wire welders. The town may want to have one now with the inventory of dumpsters.

The following bills were reviewed by the auditing committee and ordered paid:

| <u>General Fund:</u> | | <u>Enterprise Fund:</u> | |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Finnicum's | 7.25 | Finnicum's | 129.44 |
| Bruce Waldhausen | 125.00 | Dept. of Public Health | 49.50 |
| Gaffaney's | 64.40 | Postmaster | 80.40 |
| Will's Office World | 42.38 | Joyce S. Norris | 100.40 |
| Postmaster | 20.00 | Robert Jasper | 1797.91 |
| Searchlight | 82.50 | Steven Moore | 1664.96 |
| American Legion Post #81 | 40.00 | First Community Bank | 1186.86 |
| Culb. State Agency | 150.00 | MT Dept. of Revenue | 218.00 |
| IIMC | 60.00 | PERS | 645.61 |
| Eastern Plains R C & D | 50.00 | Sheridan Electric | 10.00 |
| Valley Telecommunications | 30.36 | Nemont Telephone | 107.80 |
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 1472.04 | MDU | 21.26 |
| First Community Bank | 470.28 | City Line | 61.91 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 79.98 | Dept. of Env. Quality | 764.00 |
| PERS | 269.37 | H B & R, Inc. | 660.00 |
| Nemont Telephone | 136.54 | Modern Machine Works | 365.45 |
| MDU | 581.61 | Northwest Pipe Fittings | 1653.30 |
| City Line | 516.87 | Miller Oil Co. | 27.80 |
| Hennessy Law Office | 277.98 | Interstate Detroit Diesel | 48.50 |
| Hometown Market | 33.82 | Hometown Market | 16.77 |
| Searchlight | 11.75 | Farm Plan | 22.53 |
| Modern Aire Flight Service | 118.00 | Industrial Systems | 4799.65 |
| TOTAL | \$4,640.13 | Steve Moore | 10.00 |
| | | Oelkers Servicenter | 318.33 |
| | | MDU | 895.86 |
| | | Williston Landfill | 761.50 |
| | | TOTAL | \$16,417.74 |

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Special Funds:

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|----------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------|
| Betty Schroeder | 75.00 | MDU | 941.21 |
| Roos. County Sheriff Dept. | 916.66 | City Line | 216.83 |
| National Sign Co., Inc. | 46.34 | Farm Plan | 5.96 |
| First Trust Montana | 3150.25 | TOTAL | <u>\$5,352.25</u> |

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 P.M.

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Clerk

Jack Scotson
Mayor

March 9, 1998. The Culbertson Town Council met in regular session with the following present: Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle, Gordon Oelkers, Greg Hennessy, Robert Jasper and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Bernie W. Finnicum arrived at 9:30 P.M. Guests: Rick Knick, Brian Heffernan, Keenan Engelke, and William D. Caver.

W. Bruce Houle made a motion to approve February 2, 1998 minutes and accept the January 31, 1998 Treasurer Report. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle, Jack Scotson and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Garbage. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to charge Bruns Electric \$22.00/month for garbage service not to exceed one pick-up per week. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle, Jack Scotson and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Kois Brothers. Kois Brothers still owes \$266.83 for repayment of what the town had to pay in back taxes on the garbage truck. Wee Haul Garbage sent the town a check for \$266.50. Jack Scotson will be in Great Falls this week and he said he would stop at Kois Brothers to collect the balance.

Montola Growers Inc. Brian Heffernan with Montola Growers, Inc. wanted to bring the Town Council up-to-speed at the plant. Year-to-date they have spent in excess of \$2.5 million on the plant. Few of the dollars were spent in the refinery. Recent efforts were on marketing, toll crushing and safflower. Plant has local ownership. MGI is in the process of doing a business plan with a man from South Dakota. MGI is looking for an equity partner to share in the potential liability, deeper pockets, stronger marketing arm in the ag business as an ag player. The plant is producing a high quality meal and oil. Can't get or keep enough seed here to keep the plant busy right now, this will be a problem for the next 6 months. MGI has 2 companies in mind for ag partnership with more than 50% ownership - one is from Great Falls and one is from Winnipeg, Canada. Sheridan Electric would stay on as a part-owner with limited liability. Recently spent \$70,000 in marketing efforts. Brian was approaching the council for assistance in funds or services or other creative ways to support the plant. The Star Fund in Williston is in support of the plant. MGI is working towards a loan with the local bank and Montana Board of Investments at 7 or 8% interest. One option for financial assistance would be to buy down interest on the loan by say 1%. Mr. Heffernan passed sheets to the council that showed the dollar amounts and costs/year. Brian said support can be a combination of services and/or dollars. These are only

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MGI cont.

suggestions and Mr. Heffernan did not want an answer right away, but would like the council to consider any options.

Seismograph. William D. Caver representing Veritas DGC Land was present to show and discuss the seismograph activity that will be done on and around town land south of town. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to accept \$5.00/acre on 118 acres. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED. Attorney Hennessy would like a copy of Veritas DGC Land state permit.

Off-Reservation Water. Rick Knick discussed the Off-Reservation Water Project. There would be one common treatment plant at Poplar. The main objective is to get the pipe in the ground. It is estimated that annually this system would require 4000 acre feet of water reservation rights. The Off-Reservation Water Project would use Reservation water rights until they obtain their own water rights.

Rick asked for a letter of support for this project. The letter would be sent to Honorable John Doolittle, House Water and Power Resources Committee.

Cable TV.

Premiere Cable II, L.P., a Colorado limited partnership has entered into an agreement to sell certain of its cable television properties to Blackstone Cable, L.L.C., a Massachusetts limited liability company.

Premiere hereby requests the consent of the Town to the transfer of the cable television franchise from Premiere to Blackstone. Jack Scotson made a motion to ratify "Consent to Assignment" from Premiere to Blackstone. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Oelkers talked to Robert L. Brown, Director-Corporate Development for Premiere and he said that Blackstone plans to offer 41 channels on the system, future use of fiber optic in Scobey then Culbertson.

GarbageWages.

Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to set Perry Hekkel's wages at \$5.25/hour for part-time garbage help. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to set Mike Nickoloff's wages at \$8.00/hour for part-time garbage help. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Library. Paul attended a Library Board meeting. They would like a book drop installed. The council approved this some time ago, but hasn't been done yet. Paul asked Bob to get it done.

Paul is also going to check into the possibility of the Lions Club helping get internet access for the Library.

Old Scale Site. Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to go with what the school board wants concerning the curb and gutter at the old scale site. Bernie W. Finnicum then withdrew the motion. Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to not support the curbing at the old scale site. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Bernie W. Finnicum and Jack Scotson. Opposed to the motion: W. Bruce Houle. Abstaining from the motion: Paul S. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

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Old Scale Site cont.

The main concern of those who are opposed to the curb and gutter is that it will hinder parking, especially of trucks. This in turn would have a negative effect on the commercial trade in that area.

The main concern of those infavor of the curb and gutter is that the 700' of uncontrolled access is a safety hazard to not only traffic, but pedestrians. Clerk reported talking to Ray Mengel at the Glendive Office. Mr. Mengel said the only way the state will not put the curb and gutter in is if the school and town accept all liability for that area.

Bruce Houle said that we would have to notify our insurance carrier about accepting the liability. Clerk is to send a letter to the state and get a response as to what is required of the town.

Action for Eastern Montana - Summer Youth Work Program.

There will be meetings for Work Supervisors in March and April, student applications will be done the end of May. Ryan Conrad will be stopping by the office with the information.

Fire Dept.

An idea for revenue for the fire dept. is a voluntary contribution monthly on the water bills of \$1.00 or \$2.00. Poplar did this and it was well received, only a few refused to pay it and had it taken off their bills.

Clerks Institute. Clerks Institute is April 26 - May 1 in Billings. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion that Raedelle attend. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

TAABS II. The utility billing system the town has is becoming outdated. Clerk was told that soon they will not be offering maintenance for TAABS II. The company, SENSUS SofTech is offering a conversion package for Multi Plus Software \$4942.00 less \$2500.00 for TABBS II Trade-In Credit, Data Conversion - no charge, for a total of \$2442.00

Council wanted to know if Multi Plus would work on the current computer.

MMIA Risk Management Workshop.

There will be a Risk Management Workshop in Sidney on Wednesday, April 1 sponsored by MMIA and MACo. Council suggested Bob go.

The following bills were reviewed by the auditing committee and ordered paid:

| <u>General Fund:</u> | | <u>Enterprise Fund:</u> | |
|----------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 1479.69 | MT Rural Water | 210.00 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 80.04 | Steven Moore | 467.62 |
| First Community Bank | 471.66 | Joyce S. Norris | 100.40 |
| PERS | 270.59 | Robert Jasper | 1213.12 |
| Finnicum's | 17.48 | Steven Moore | 1040.00 |
| The City Line | 339.21 | Postmaster | 79.40 |
| Nemont Telephone | 160.02 | Perry Hekkel | 63.69 |
| MDU | 427.47 | MT Dept. of Revenue | 139.89 |
| Finnicum's | 5.98 | First Community Bank | 782.24 |
| Bruce Waldhausen | 125.00 | PERS | 418.43 |
| QBS | 275.88 | Finnicum's | 107.11 |
| Hometown Market | 37.26 | The City Line | 38.57 |
| Gaffaney's | 256.98 | Nemont Telephone | 107.99 |
| Hennessy Law Office | 472.45 | MDU | 47.54 |
| Larsen Builders | 4.32 | Farm Plan | 26.64 |

March 9, 1998 cont.

General Fund cont.

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| Red Hot Fire Ext. | 55.00 |
| Valley Telecommunications | 64.36 |
| Finnicum's | 228.17 |
| Mountain Supply | 209.11 |
| Pacific Steel & Recycling | 3.50 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$4,984.17</u> |

Special Funds:

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| Robert Jasper | 606.53 |
| Steven Moore | 520.02 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 67.05 |
| First Community Bank | 377.12 |
| PERS | 209.24 |
| Finnicum's | 77.35 |
| The City Line | 116.95 |
| MDU | 949.46 |
| Farm Plan | 12.99 |
| Finnicum's | 23.95 |
| Reiman Publications | 9.98 |
| Betty Schroeder | 75.00 |
| Culb. Public Library | 85.95 |
| Roos. Co. Sheriff Dept. | 916.66 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 24.00 |
| Craig's Small Engine | 110.70 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$4,182.95</u> |

Enterprise Fund cont.

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| Finnicum's | 28.53 |
| Hometown Market | 11.20 |
| Pacific Steel & Recycling | 6.80 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 133.43 |
| Dept. of Public Health | 33.00 |
| Steven Moore | 56.00 |
| H B & R | 1140.00 |
| Hawkins Water Treatment | 71.00 |
| Hach Company | 49.00 |
| Northwest Pipe Fittings | 85.73 |
| Miller Oil Co. | 65.64 |
| Culb. Pharm. | 4.07 |
| The Other Place | 36.95 |
| Interstate Detroit Diesel | 2.92 |
| Waste Co. Manufacturing | 1374.00 |
| Williston Sanitary Landfill | 583.50 |
| Sheridan Electric | 10.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$8,534.41</u> |

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Clerk

Jack Scotson
Mayor

April 6, 1998

The Culbertson Town Council met in regular session with the following present: Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle, Gordon Oelkers, Greg Hennessy, Robert Jasper, Steven Moore and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Guests: Linda Twitchell, Gary Faulkner and Keenan Engelke.

Jack Scotson made a motion to approve March 9, 1998 minutes and accept February 28, 1998 Treasurer Report. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Great Northern Development. Linda Twitchell representing Great Northern Development and Gary Faulkner with the Dept. of Commerce discussed the progress of the Great Northern Development Corp. There will be a Great Northern Development Corp. planning day on Tuesday, May 19, 1998 at 10:00 A.M. Projects and services that are expected will be discussed at the 5-19-98 meeting. Councilman Jack Scotson will try to get to the meeting.

Culbertson is a member of GNDC but not an active member. In order to be an active member and have a vote, Culbertson must contribute \$1.00/capita or \$796.00. The executive board meets on an as needed basis - this has been every 2 weeks lately and the general board meets every other month. Jack Scotson made a motion

April 6, 1998 cont.

Great Northern Development cont.

to adopt Resolution No. 292, A Resolution Affirming Active Participation In the Great Northern Development Corporation District. The Town will pledge \$1.00/capita. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Keenan had nothing to discuss with the council.

Montola Growers Inc.

Montola is interested in monetary contribution to enable them to buy down interest rate points. The amount suggested was \$5,000 - \$10,000 - \$15,000 per year for the next 3 years.

Council would like to meet with Montola and the Bank Staff in the next 2 weeks. Paul will also call Brad Bekkedahl in Williston as he is on the City Commission and there is talk that Williston is working on supporting Montola on the interest buydown.

Town Clean-Up Day. Chamber wants to support a Town Clean-Up Day and they will furnish the lunch. Would like garbage truck available. Date is May 2nd and if rain on the 2nd, then May 9th.

There was discussion of a Mayor Declaration, residents separating white goods, (must contact town office for refrigerators & freezers), tree branches, leaves and furniture, also involving other organizations. Details to be worked out later.

Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to support Town Clean-Up Day. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Water Deposits. Council discussed water deposits and that the deposit may not be high enough. The property owner gets stuck with the bills if the renter fails to pay. There will be more information on this at the May meeting.

Request for garbage information from Attorney Christoffersen was discussed. Research of open records law will be done to see if things have to be requested in writing.

Curbing - Old Scale Site. Paul feels the town is being strong-armed by the State and Insurance Company to sign the waiver. Also, he did not like the way the letter was written to the state. Too amplified for council liking.

Agenda. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to adopt a Resolution that the Town fix a monthly agenda and publish it in the Searchlight one week prior to the regular council meeting, post it and also get a copy to the councilmen one week prior to the meeting.

There was some discussion.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Chlorine Monitor. Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to purchase a new chlorine monitor for the chlorine room at the water treatment plant, approximate cost \$1100.00 Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED. The monitor should be compatible with a new computer system.

Pool. Town will advertise for swimming pool personnel for the 1998 season - Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguards. Applications will be due by 5:00 P.M. on May 4, 1998.

April 6, 1998 cont.

Pool Cont.

Jessica Schmitz wrote a letter to the council informing them that she has enrolled in the Water Safety Instructor Course in Williston. The fee for the course was \$120.00. She is interested in being the WSI and a lifeguard, also seeking reimbursement of WSI course fee. Past practice concerning WSI course fees is the reimbursement of \$100.00 when they do the swim lessons at Culbertson Pool.

Other discussion was American Red Cross does not require Child & Infant CPR, it's adult.

Property & Supply Bureau. Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 293. A Resolution listing the authorized names of the Town of Culbertson who are authorized to purchase state and federal surplus from the Property & Supply Bureau. Authorized names - Gordon Oelkers, Bernie W. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle, Jack Scotson, Paul S. Finnicum, Robert Jasper, Steven Moore and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

TSEP Grant Application. Council discussed the Treasure State Endowment Program Grant Application which has a deadline of May 22, 1998. Clerk will proceed with the application with the assistance of Don Loomer - Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson P.C. Clerk will talk to Robb McCracken about including the collection system in the grant application. Much more information to come on rates and other financing.

Clerk's Institute. Clerk will not be attending the annual Clerk's Institute in Billings April 29 - May 1 due to TSEP Grant Application.

There will be a Steering Committee Meeting for Rural Water on Wednesday, April 8, 1998 in the Nemont Friendship Room in Scobey.

Floodplain. Council discussed information on Flood Mitigation Assistance Program.

Conference Calling. For conference calls, you set-up a time and date through Nemont and they issue a number to call. There is a 3-way call option at \$2.00/month, then may need call waiting \$2.00/month less a 50¢ discount, total \$3.50/month extra. Council suggested we try the 3-way call option between now and October on a trial basis.

Tree Trimming. Council approved tree trimming letter that will be going out next week.

Solid Waste Personnal Wages. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 291, A Resolution Of The Town Of Culbertson, Establishing Solid Waste Personnel Wages Effective March 1, 1998. (This is for motion made in March 1998 minutes.) Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Action for Eastern Montana. Council consented to agreement for a Summer Youth Worker through Action for Eastern Montana.

Dog Complaints. Clerk will put a reminder notice in Searchlight on dog leash ordinance and barking. There have been some complaints again.

The following bills were reviewed by the auditing committee and ordered paid:

April 6, 1998 cont.

General Fund:

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| Local Govt. Center | 50.00 |
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 1496.63 |
| PERS | 279.21 |
| First Community Bank | 481.79 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 80.23 |
| UI Contributions Bureau | 21.11 |
| MMIA | 186.46 |
| Nemont Telephone | 135.21 |
| MDU | 478.72 |
| City Line | 339.01 |
| Valley Telecommunications | 52.00 |
| Farm Plan | 12.27 |
| Bruce Waldhausen | 125.00 |
| Searchlight | 41.00 |
| Sensus SofTech, Inc. | 400.00 |
| Pemna | 261.00 |
| Modern Aire Flight | 720.19 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$5159.83</u> |

Special Funds:

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| Robert Jasper | 646.17 |
| Steven Moore | 542.64 |
| PERS | 222.57 |
| First Community Bank | 408.26 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 73.85 |
| UI Contributions Bureau | 11.19 |
| MMIA | 163.12 |
| MDU | 956.54 |
| City Line | 133.62 |
| Farm Plan | 12.00 |
| Gaffaney's | 81.19 |
| Self | 16.00 |
| National Geographic | 27.00 |
| Betty Schroeder | 75.00 |
| Roos. Co. Sheriff Dept. | 916.66 |
| Prairie Ag Sales | 19.99 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 130.07 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$4435.87</u> |

Enterprise Fund:

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| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 300.04 |
| Postmaster | 80.60 |
| Robert Jasper | 1292.39 |
| Steven Moore | 1085.28 |
| Joyce S. Norris | 159.38 |
| Perry Hekkel | 56.42 |
| Michael Nickoloff | 66.00 |
| PERS | 455.93 |
| First Community Bank | 865.62 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 158.73 |
| UI Contributions Bureau | 41.29 |
| MMIA | 562.18 |
| Nemont Telephone | 102.30 |
| MDU | 1836.13 |
| City Line | 45.24 |
| Sheridan Electric Co-Op | 10.00 |
| Farm Plan | 50.06 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 178.71 |
| Dept. of Public Health | 16.50 |
| Red's Electric | 140.50 |
| Industrial Systems | 80.10 |
| Great Lakes Instruments | 185.71 |
| Hawkins Water Treatment | 580.50 |
| Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson | 252.00 |
| McKinney Motor | 27.50 |
| Williston Landfill | 838.90 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$9468.01</u> |

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Clerk

Erin Allen
Mayor

April 21, 1998 Special Meeting.

The Culbertson Town Council met in special session. The following were present: Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum, Gordon Oelkers, Greg Hennessy, Raedelle Aspenlieder, MGI- Brian Heffernan, Bob Gruman, Culbertson Community Development Corp - Russell Oelkers, Great Northern Development - Linda Twitchell and Williston Economic Development - Tom Rolfstad.

The meeting was called to discuss financial assistance for Montola Growers, Inc., more specifically interest buydown.

There have been almost \$3 million worth of repairs and improvements done at the plant. MGI is working on a \$3.5 million BNI loan package. The local lender is First Community Bank. Linda Twitchell is working with the loan package also. MGI is working on getting an equity partner to the tune of \$2.5 million range.

It will take 2 years to get the capacity of the plant built to operate at a profitable level.

The proposed interest buydown assumption is attached to these minutes.

The Williston Star Fund \$40,000 is contingent on matching local funds.

There have been a couple layoffs at the plant. Hopefully the first part of May they will have crushing to do.

MGI has 50,000 acres of safflower contracted. They are working on alliances with other companies to crush seed from other sources.

There is a 3 year rotation on sugar beets, so open for planting other crops.

On interest buydown - 1% over 20 years would save \$379,000.

There are 6 and possibly 7 in mind for equity partners - Decalb Seed Co. is one. MGI wants a player committed to this business and to Culbertson. Hopefully the equity partner will have cash, expertise and more.

Oilseed prices are up now and are to continue for the next 6 months. Carryover stocks are at lowest in years. Acreage in California is down due to flooding.

The Velva, ND plant is all canola. Carrington is a grower owned seed crushing plant.

The crush capacity of MGI is an incentive to equity partner, as is a 2 year head start on Montola - low saturated fat. The cost of production of safflower oil is considerably less than olive oil.

There are alot of acres of safflower in Mexico. The seed is crushed and oil is exported from Mexico.

MGI would like to develop a relationship with a major company who wants the oil and seed.

Of the acres MGI has contracted now, is that oil sold yet? NO
The crush coming in May is all sold.



Montola Growers Inc.

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MGI

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To: Supporters of Montola Growers Inc.
From: Brian Heffernan/Bob Gruman, Montola Growers Inc.
Date: April 21, 1998
Subject: Interest Assistance

This memo is intended to recap our request regarding financial assistance for Montola Growers Inc. As you know, MGI has taken on a very aggressive task of updating and putting the oil seed plant into operation.

The remodeling and start up costs have exceeded our expectations and profitability is not likely until 1999 or later. As a result, we are seeking ways to reduce costs for our first 3 years of operation to enhance our chances for survival.

With this concern in mind we are requesting your consideration of the attached interest buy down proposal. We will be happy to respond to your questions and concerns.

INTEREST BUYDOWN ASSUMPTION

Montola Growers Inc. (PROPOSED)

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| <u>LOAN AMOUNT</u> | \$3,500,000. |
| <u>PROJECTED INTEREST RATE</u> | 8% |
| <u>TERM</u> | 20 YEARS |
| <u>INTEREST BUYDOWN</u> | 1% BUYDOWN WILL COST \$35,000 PER YEAR |

BASED ON 1% BUYDOWN

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| YEAR 1 | \$35,000. |
| YEAR 2 | \$35,000. |
| YEAR 3 | <u>\$35,000.</u> |
| TOTAL | \$105,000. |

PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES FOR BUYDOWN

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| CULBERTSON DEVELOPMENT | \$40,000. |
| WILLISTON STAR FUND | \$40,000. |
| SIDNEY DEVELOPMENT | <u>\$25,000.</u> |
| TOTAL | \$105,000 |

April 21, 1998 Special Meeting cont.

Appraisal - assuming MGI is a going concern - around \$5 million. If not a going concern - \$400,000.

MGI has local point of delivery being on BN main line.

There are 150,000 acres in California and MGI has 50,000 acres.

The debt service of the Carrington plant is \$10 million.

Star Fund - "Challenge" Grant - \$40,000. Spread \$40,000 over 3 years. The bank that holds the loan would hold the \$40,000 as sort of an escrow account to buydown interest. Year 4 hopefully will be profitable - without any assistance.

There may be something Great Northern can do for this match from the Star Fund.

The first 6 months loss for MGI was less than projected on the CDBG grant.

Attorney Hennessy said he requested an AG opinion from the Attorney General Office on whether the town could even participate in the interest buydown, only to find out that now requests require a brief. Greg is working on that.

GNDC Business & Industry Loan is a Federal Program guaranteed of 80% loan.

Can we levy for economic development?

Town could make a committment contingent on equity partner.

MGI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sheridan Electric.

The plant itself is equity for the \$3.5 million loan.

Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to adjourn. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Clerk



Mayor



May 4, 1998. The Culbertson Town Council met in regular session with the following present: Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum, Gordon Oelkers, Greg Hennessy, Robert Jasper, Steven Moore and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Guests: Shelly Baldwin, Lee Averill, Tom Cody, Rick Knick and Dean Harmon.

Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to approve April 6, 1998 minutes and accept March 31, 1998 Treasurer Report. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Pool. Shelly Baldwin, Representative of Women's Club, explained that the Women's Club CIP Project this year is the swimming pool. Shelly said they would like to purchase mats for the changing rooms as the floors are slippery when wet.

May 4, 1998 cont.

Pool Cont.

W. Bruce Houle made a motion to approve Women's Club CIP and their purchase of floor mats. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk will send a thank you to the Women's Club when complete.

Building Permit. A building permit for Lee Averill was approved and signed.

Tom Cody said he attended the Interim Property Tax Committee Meeting in Wolf Point on Thursday, April 16, 1998. Tom gave a brief update of the meeting.

Great Northern Development and Montola Growers Inc. There was no new information available as far as MGI business plan, equity partner etc. This is tabled until next month.

Town Clean-Up Day. There were 18 loads hauled to the Culbertson landfill on Town Clean-Up Day. Clerk will put a thank you in the Searchlight for the volunteers and the following who donated equipment: Keenan Engelke - backhoe & truck, Dennis Elgen - tractor & truck, Howard Gobbs - truck, MT National Guard - 2 trucks and 4 soldiers and the Chamber of Commerce for the lunch.

Great Northern Development. The Great Northern Development Corp. Planning Day is scheduled for May 19, 1998 at 10:00 A.M. Jack Scotson will not be able to attend, Paul may be able to go.

Water Deposits. Clerk reported what some other communities charge for water deposits. Scobey - deposit is now \$25.00 but will be raising it to \$75.00. They have been stiffed only once in the last 2 years. Wolf Point - Ordinance is like ours - the property owner is ultimately responsible - deposit is \$75.00 - hook-up fee was \$25.00 and is now \$75.00. They do turn in to a collection agency before going to the property owner. Sidney - no deposit - if renter does not pay - the property owner is responsible. They inform all that have rental property that this is the policy. They do not have trouble going to the property owner for rental accounts. Williston - deposit is \$50.00 on rental units, property owners do not pay a deposit. Williston Ordinance does say the property owner is ultimately responsible, but they to go through a collection agency first, which takes 1/2.

TSEP Grant. Still working on Treasure State Endowment Program Grant. Paul said the Conservation District and NRCS will write letters of support for the sewer lagoon project. Paul suggested installing monitoring wells. The SCS will select the monitoring well sites and make arrangements to install. Paul will get an estimate of costs for June meeting.

Rural Water. Rick Knick and Miles Knudsen met with the Federal Government-Bureau of Reclamation and General Accounting Office in Billings 2 weeks ago. The Rural Water Project is 1 of 3 projects now being considered for funding. The County Conservation District will be the controlling entity until the project is complete. It would then turn to a Water District. There will be one point of diversion from the system. Rural Water received letters of intent from every City/Town in the project area except Culbertson and Glasgow - due to the newness of their facilities. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to sign the letter of intent to participate in Rural Water. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

May 4, 1998 cont.

Tax Relief - MGI. Roosevelt County Commissioner, Dean Harmon, gave a brief report on meeting held tonight at 7:00 P.M. on tax relief for MGI. This could be set-up for 5 years with graduating in the next 5 years. Big corporations do this regularly. Holy Sugar does this in Sidney.

Lawsuit. Attorney Hennessy reported that Attorney Savage filed his answer to the lawsuit. Depositions to be done soon with Attorney Christoffersen.

Investments. Council wants to invite Jeff Younkin, First Community Bank to the June 1, 1998 meeting to discuss the Sweep Account and also investments. Leave in Sweep Acct. for now.

Summer Help. Town will advertise for a summer maintenance worker with all applications due in the Town Office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, June 1, 1998 and work to begin on Tuesday, June 2nd. Town will continue to pursue one student from Action for Eastern Montana for employment.

Hillside Cemetery. Gene McCracken wrote to Paul S. Finnicum and wants to buy space in the 20' driveway if it can be used for burial lots. In order to sell space in the driveways - the cemetery would have to be re-platted and numbered. The cemetery has been expanded to the west and south, but is not yet platted. Council said we could not sell space in the driveway. Clerk will write to Gene McCracken.

Traffic Study. Now is the time the State should be conducting the Traffic Safety Study that the town requested a year ago. Track and baseball are going on now. Clerk will call and check on this.

Dept. of Commerce. Lorin Flesjer, Accounting Systems Officer with the Dept. of Commerce made an on-site visit on 4-1-98. He reviewed the budget for FY ending 6-30-98, desk review of 6-30-97 Annual Report, discussed PERS and Capital Improvement Fund and fixed assets. Due to the Clerk using the certified mill levy of 90.95, and not the total of all property tax revenue for the 1997 FY, the tax revenue was \$2693.95 over the amount authorized by I-105 and 4.43 mills over the levy authorized by I-105.

Garbage. Ron Larsen called one day and asked what he could expect the garbage truck to pick-up. He had mattress and box spring, furniture etc. Ron suggested we write a news article from the Ordinance. Bob said he will be getting a list/sheet from Williston Landfill as to what their requirements are. Then we will develop a list for Culbertson. Council asked clerk to explain what could go to our Class III Landfill and what had to be hauled to Williston along with the town clean-up thank you. Paul thinks the town should pick-up all garbage that is put out, including grass, leaves and tree branches. It was argued that the system has been working so leave it as is.

Bob said the landfill gate attendant asked him what he was hauling that he shouldn't be. Lynn had suggested to the landfill attendant that he screen Culbertson's loads because they were hauling stuff they shouldn't be. Bob told him he had nothing he shouldn't to his knowledge. Lynn would not elaborate as to what or where we were getting it.

Baseball Program. Baseball fields need a dumpster. Last year, Dave's Sanitation charged them \$20.00 for 3 months, this includes dumpster rent and pick-up. Jack Scotson made a motion to set the dumpster and dump-it at no charge to the baseball program. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

May 4, 1998 cont.

Building Permits. The following building permits were approved and signed:

Stagecoach - Sign

Pete Hekkel - storage shed

Howard Iverson - new roof

Gordon Miller - deck, cement slab

Gordon Miller, City Line Owner, wanted to know if the town would send him copies or inform him of any building, fences etc. so he can locate the propane service line. Council said he is welcome to come in or call after council meetings for this information. The City Line may also want to put something in the paper encouraging his customers to call before they dig.

Library. Library assistant Betty Schroeder will be gone the month of June. Karen will be gone one week in June also. Would the town pay someone on the Library Board to work while Karen is gone? Council approved. Decided not to put a slot in the Library door for a book drop. Talk of putting a metal drop box inside the 1st door.

GJV. General journal voucher #211 was approved and signed.

Senior Citizen Center. Mary Lou Miller with the Senior Citizens asked if the town would remove the vanity and sink from the storage room so they could put up more shelves. Council agreed to take it out.

MT League of Cities & Towns. MT League of Cities & Towns District Meeting will be coming up. These are informative meetings to attend. There was some discussion of using retired people with expertise in different areas to attend some of the many meetings and then inform the council.

Guard Camp. Steve Moore will be gone the first 2 weeks of June for annual National Guard training. Hopefully we will have summer help by then.

Pool. Jack Scotson made a motion to hire Darcy Evanson as Swimming Pool Manager at \$6.00/hr. for the 1998 season. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

W. Bruce Houle made a motion to hire Suzanne Walker as Assistant Manager and Lifeguard at \$5.60/hr. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to hire the following as lifeguards: Jessica Schmitz, Suzanne Walker, Erin Poland, Lindsey Labatte, LeeAnne Labatte, Kwyn Forbregd and Taylor Simensen. Swimming Lesson Instructor Andrea Vanratta with Jessica Schmitz assisting her. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

The letter sent to the kids needs to be changed so the kids will have an idea of how much work they can expect. Paul will work with the new manager. Swimming pool prices will be the same as in the past: \$1.00/session/individual, \$25.00 individual season pass and \$50.00 family pass. Last year Fort Kipp Youth Program paid \$500.00 in advance and 472 youth came through. Council would like the same arrangement again this year.

The following bills were reviewed by the auditing committee and ordered paid:

May 4, 1998 cont.

General Fund:

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| Mighty Mounted 4-H | 30.00 |
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 1473.96 |
| First Community Bank | 470.64 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 80.00 |
| PERS | 269.68 |
| Valley Telecommunications | 59.55 |
| Bruce Waldhausen | 225.00 |
| Gaffaney's | 99.49 |
| Personalized Envelope Program | 362.00 |
| MT League of Cities & Towns | 238.80 |
| Van Diest Supply Co. | 925.53 |
| Roos. Co. Sheriff Dept. | 333.28 |
| Larsen Builders, Inc. | 12.90 |
| Hometown Market | 6.05 |
| Searchlight | 67.50 |
| Nemont Tele. | 151.87 |
| The City Line | 124.05 |
| MDU | 302.69 |
| Hennessy Law Office | 1769.82 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$7,002.81</u> |

Special Funds:

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| Betty Schroeder | 75.00 |
| The Penworthy Co. | 50.90 |
| Roos. Co. Sheriff Dept. | 583.38 |
| Farm Plan | 102.02 |
| Triple M | 20.95 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 68.73 |
| NorMont Equip. | 320.25 |
| The City Line | 38.57 |
| MDU | 942.47 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$2,202.27</u> |

Enterprise Fund:

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| Roos. Memorial Clinic | 51.00 |
| Robert Jasper | 40.00 |
| Postmaster | 80.00 |
| Robert Jasper | 1922.14 |
| Steven Moore | 1570.90 |
| Joyce S. Norris | 134.18 |
| Michael Nickoloff | 56.40 |
| Perry Hekkel | 25.63 |
| First Community Bank | 1228.10 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 228.72 |
| PERS | 662.43 |
| Sheridan Electric Co-Op. | 10.06 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 152.11 |
| NorMont Equip. | 42.00 |
| MT Dept. of Env. Quality | 60.00 |
| QBS | 194.29 |
| MT Rural Water | 200.00 |
| Modern Machine Works | 223.93 |
| Finnicum's | 23.95 |
| Hawkins Water Treatment | 71.00 |
| Northwest Pipe | 940.00 |
| Praxair | 29.24 |
| Waste Co. Manufacturing | 51.00 |
| Interstate Detroit Diesel | 1194.10 |
| Williston Sanitary Landfill | 833.30 |
| Hometown Market | 11.20 |
| Nemont Telephone | 117.28 |
| The City Line | 16.90 |
| MDU | 481.31 |
| Tom Marchwick | 96.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$10,747.17</u> |

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Clerk

Raedelle Aspenlieder

Mayor

Robert Jasper

May 19, 1998 Public Hearing. The Culbertson Town Council met for a Public Hearing for the purpose of obtaining public comments on a proposed application for the Wastewater Improvement Project and application to the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP). The following were present: Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum, Gordon Oelkers, Raedelle Aspenlieder, Robert Jasper, Steven Moore and Don Loomer with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson.

Council discussed the preliminary engineering report and alternatives 1 & 5 for a total project cost of \$1,233,600.

Funding Sources: Rural Development - Culbertson is not grant eligible due to income levels and RD has a little higher rate of interest on loans, but can finance for up to 40 years.

CDBG - Culbertson is not grant eligible due to income levels.

SRF - Culbertson is on the project priority list for the wastewater project. Loans are 4% for 20 years. Town will submit an application to SRF for \$675,000.

TSEP - Culbertson will submit a grant application for \$500,000.

Town of Culbertson will commit \$58,600 of reserve funds to the project.

Town of Culbertson rates are presently:

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| Average Monthly Residential Rate - Water | \$31.38 |
| - Sewer | \$ 5.54 |
| Average Monthly Residential Combined Rate | - \$36.92 |

The Target Rated for Culbertson are:

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| Water Rate | \$24.28 |
| Sewer Rate | \$13.88 |
| Target Combined Rate | \$38.16 |

WITHOUT TSEP ASSISTANCE - Target Rates:

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|----------------------|---------|
| Water Rate | \$31.38 |
| Sewer Rate | \$35.04 |
| Target Combined Rate | \$66.42 |

WITH TSEP ASSISTANCE - Target Rates:

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|----------------------|---------|
| Water Rate | \$31.38 |
| Sewer Rate | \$22.61 |
| Target Combined Rate | \$53.99 |

Jack Scotson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 294. A Resolution to Authorize Submission of TSEP Application for Wastewater Project; comply with the requirements described in the 1998-99 TSEP Application Guidelines; provide matching funds - SRF Loan \$675,000 and Town \$58,600 as proposed in the TSEP application; and that Gordon Oelkers, Mayor is authorized to submit this application to the Montana Dept. of Commerce on behalf of the Town of Culbertson, to act on its behalf and to provide such additional information as may be required. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle and Bernie W. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Paul S. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Clerk

Gordon Oelkers
Mayor

June 1, 1998.

The Culbertson Town Council met in regular session with the following present: Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum, Gordon Oelkers, Greg Hennessy, Robert Jasper, Steven Moore and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Guests: John Grainger, Keenan Engelke, Ron Arthur, Mike Christoffersen, Ila Mae Forbregd, LeReisa Zahn, Alan Aspenlieder and Rick Knick.

Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to approve April 21, May 4 and May 19, 1998 minutes and accept April 30, 1998 Treasurer Report. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Keenan Engelke had nothing for the council.

Building Permit. Ron Arthur had a building permit for an addition to his house. Permit was approved.

Parade. Because the Sheriff Department will provide traffic control, the Town will Co-Sponsor the Frontier Days Parade with the Chamber of Commerce.

Roosevelt County Conservation District. Mike Christoffersen, Chairman of the Roosevelt County Conservation District, said effective immediately; all row crop (corn, beets, bean, etc.) equipment and trucks transported into Roosevelt County will be subject to inspection for soil which may contain potential ag-pests. Equipment transporting dirt from other locations passing through the Culbertson Scale will be directed to a designated washing station.

To avoid being detained, all machinery should be washed before it enters Roosevelt County.

Mike said that Ralph Peck - Dept. of Agriculture and Dave Galt - Montana Dept. of Transportation are in favor of this.

Fire Department. Fire Chief Alan Aspenlieder said the Fire Department has been fixing the old town sewer truck up so it can be used on all fire calls. There is a water tank on it, has a new paint job and they are currently working on getting a utility box custom built. The cost of the utility box is \$12,000 and the department would like to put \$7000. down and finance the balance. The amount that has to be financed will be paid yearly from the County Fire budget. The Fire Department would like \$3000 - \$4000 from the town to put down. The Fire Department has been saving from fund raisers and donations for this project. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to give the Fire Department \$1,000. now for the truck utility box project and the balance for the project to be determined at budget time. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Airport. Rick Knick, on behalf of the Airport Board, submitted the airport budget. There are 3 airports in Roosevelt County - Culbertson, Poplar and Wolf Point. The county budget for the airports - Culbertson is 1/3 the amount of the Poplar airport budget and 1/10 of the Wolf Point budget. There was discussion of whether or not the office building is necessary anymore. The restrooms are not used that much. It was suggested there be something in writing that Steve Hampton has a restroom and telephone available for use inside his shop. A sign would have to be posted on the office building about the location of restroom and phone. Closing the office building and discontinuing the utilities could save approximately \$1,000./year.

Montola Growers Inc. Neil Turnbull is the new plant manager. Brian Heffernan was done on Wednesday, May 27, 1998. Neil was in marketing when he worked at the plant for Continental Grain. MGI is sending out letters to growers in

June 1, 1998 cont.

MGI continued

hopes of getting enough response for a grower owned equity partner. MGI is still talking to a few for equity partner.

Rural Water. Rick Knick reported that the Roosevelt County Conservation District is in control of the off-reservation rural water until a water district can be formed. The best scenario is one year before construction begins.

Park Picnic Tables. Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to purchase one cement picnic table for the park. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Pool. Today was the first day open at the pool. Darcy asked if the cheerleaders could sell concessions at the pool for their money maker. Council decided they did not want pool employees selling candy for a cheerleading fund raiser on Town employment time and not in town buildings.

Cable TV. Town received a copy of FCC394 APPLICATION FOR FRANCHISE AUTHORITY CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE. The franchise went from Premiere Cable II, LTD. to Blackstone Cable, LLC.

Town Hall Cleaning. Alice Evanson will be gone now for 3 weeks. Jack Scotson made a motion to pay Nicole Aspenlieder and Pam Berwick \$25.00 each to clean the Senior Citizen Center while Alice is gone. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Investments - Sweep Account. Council will discuss investments and Sweep Acct. at July meeting.

W. Bruce Houle made a motion to approve Certified Copy of Corporate Resolution for First Community Bank Authorizing Facsimile Signatures. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Baseball Program. Jack Scotson made a motion to donate \$300.00 to the Baseball/Softball Program. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Summer Maintenance Worker. Jack Scotson made a motion to hire Eric Bergum for the summer maintenance position. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.
Jack Scotson made a motion to pay Eric Bergum \$6.00/hour. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney Hennessy will ask Attorney Savage to come and meet with the council on July 6, 1998 for an update.

BARS Workshop. Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion that Raedelle attend the BARS Workshop in Glendive on Wednesday, June 17, 1998. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

GJV. General journal voucher #212 was approved and signed.

Building Permits. Building permits for Evelyn Herness and Marylyn Weeks were approved and signed.

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Director of Public Works. Robert Jasper's 6 month employment probation was up 5-31-98. Mayor Oelkers will meet with Bob to do the evaluation. Bob will receive a .50¢/hour increase effective 6-1-98.

Sports Complex. Clerk asked if there should be a sewer charge at the sports complex now with the addition of the restrooms. Council said to continue billing same as before for water and construction fee only.

Office Computer & Software. Clerk will research computer software systems and equipment for FY 1998-99 budget.

The following bills were reviewed by the auditing committee and ordered paid:

General Fund:

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Postmaster | 32.00 |
| Culb. Pool Cash Box | 50.00 |
| Valley Telecommunications | 62.76 |
| Nemont Telephone | 173.85 |
| The City Line | 119.17 |
| M.D.U. | 213.82 |
| Bruce Waldhausen | 125.00 |
| Hennessy Law Office | 184.08 |
| Roos. Co. Sheriff Dept. | 916.66 |
| Thompson Pools | 74.30 |
| Hawkins Water Treatment | 71.00 |
| Gaffaney's | 190.00 |
| Mountain Supply | 133.74 |
| Northwest Pipe Fittings | 97.86 |
| Darcy Evanson | 82.93 |
| Taylor Simensen | 23.21 |
| Lindsey Labatte | 14.51 |
| LeeAnne Labatte | 9.68 |
| Suzanne Walker | 55.14 |
| Kwyn Forbregd | 56.42 |
| Jessica Schmitz | 61.72 |
| Erin Poland | 35.31 |
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 1706.62 |
| First Community Bank | 629.64 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 110.23 |
| PERS | 316.97 |
| M.D.U. | 10.65 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 32.75 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$5,590.02</u> |

Special Funds:

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|----------------------|--------|
| M.D.U. | 9.56 |
| Miller Oil Co. | 241.76 |
| The City Line | 13.55 |
| M.D.U. | 939.60 |
| Betty Schroeder | 75.00 |
| Western Plains Mach. | 10.17 |
| Finnicum's | 7.64 |
| NorMont Equip. Co. | 770.00 |

Enterprise Fund:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Johnstone Supply | 187.20 |
| M.D.U. | 50.06 |
| Miller Oil Co. | 79.61 |
| Hi-Line Sewer & Culvert | 5400.25 |
| Postmaster | 17.50 |
| Postmaster | 79.60 |
| Nemont Telephone | 108.80 |
| The City Line | 6.89 |
| M.D.U. | 20.97 |
| Sheridan Electric | 10.00 |
| Gaffaney's | 28.02 |
| Northwest Pipe Fittings | 284.80 |
| Finnicum's | 16.95 |
| Joe McCormick | 112.98 |
| Edward Anklam | 4.99 |
| Mike Azure | 28.25 |
| Thomas Garcia | 6.55 |
| Dept. of Health & Human Serv. | 16.50 |
| Foxcroft Equip. & Service | 93.57 |
| Red's Electric | 1043.00 |
| Industrial Systems | 1735.95 |
| Williston Sanitary Landfill | 952.15 |
| Waste Co. Manufacturing | 836.00 |
| Tom Marchwick | 102.00 |
| Joyce S. Norris | 97.75 |
| Perry Hekkel | 28.05 |
| Michael Nickoloff | 162.41 |
| Robert Jasper | 1952.36 |
| Steven Moore | 1787.68 |
| First Community Bank | 1355.26 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 265.16 |
| PERS | 732.14 |
| Farm Plan | 8.00 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 221.89 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$17,833.29</u> |

June 1, 1998 cont.

Special Funds cont.

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Joe McCormick | 127.10 |
| Farm Plan | 489.89 |
| M.D.U. | 9.56 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 37.47 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$2,731.30</u> |

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Clerk

Soda Alth
Mayor

July 6, 1998.

The Culbertson Town Council met in regular session with the following present: Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle, Gordon Oelkers, Robert Jasper, Steven Moore, Greg Hennessy and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Absent: Bernie W. Finnicum. Guests: Don Loomer, Dan Sietsema, Jeff Younkin, Teresia Moore, Ron Smith, Ron Larsen, Melvin Torgerson, Five Star - Steve Postovit, and Restorx - Ben McDowell.

Jack Scotson made a motion to approve June 1, 1998 minutes and accept May 31, 1998 Treasurer Report. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Jack Scotson, Paul S. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Restorx-Ben McDowell. Ben McDowell with Restorx discussed some of the proper clean-up details after the flood and drying out your home. Handouts are also available. Restorx is giving away a product called DDC, which sterilizes the surface after proper cleaning first. Restorx also has the equipment to test the moisture absorption line. After talking to Ben McDowell with Restorx and Steve Postovit with Five Star, the decision was made to hold a Public Meeting for those damaged by the flood. The purpose of the meeting was to educate the people on the proper clean-up and protection during clean-up for health and safety reasons. Town office will get the word out and also put in on the radio and television.

Ambulance. Teresia Moore asked if the Ambulance Services could use the swimming pool to do water rescue training. Council suggested this be done when the pool is not open for regular hours and to work this out with Pool Manager Darcy Evanson.

Ron Smith-Tri-County Sanitarian was present but had nothing for the council.

Melvin Torgerson was present but had nothing for the council.

First Community Bank. Jeff Younkin with First Community Bank attended at council request to discuss interest rates on investments. Jeff said the Sweep Account was renewed for one year. Due to flood issues at hand, the council did not discuss investments. Council asked Jeff to come to the August 3rd regular meeting.

July 6, 1998 cont.

Flood-Disaster. Dan Sietsema, Roosevelt County Disaster and Emergency Services has contacted the Red Cross, Small Business Administration and State Disaster and Emergency Services about the 7-4-98 flood in Culbertson. In order to get Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) involved, the Governor of Montana has to declare the state a disaster.

Dan said anything done that is related to the flood needs to be documented. Red Cross has set-up an account at Finnicum's for those affected by the flood to purchase the necessary cleaning supplies. Dan is still checking into what can be done to help individual property owners.

W. Bruce Houle made a motion for a Municipal Declaration Resolution No. 295, levying emergency tax not to exceed 2 mills on the town's taxable valuation pursuant to MCA 10-3-405 due to the severe damage due to flooding on 7-4-98.

Jack Scotson seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion:

W. Bruce Houle, Jack Scotson and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Sewer lift station - was it a problem due to lightning that caused the 115 amp fuse to go out?

There will probably be a team sent in from the State Disaster and Emergency Services. DES will request a State Mitigation Team come in and assess the dike system and drainage up north.

Mayor Oelkers will ask someone from the hospital to come to the public meeting on Tuesday to discuss any health and safety issues they are aware of.

Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to purchase 500 sets of gloves and 500 masks to give to people at the public meeting on Tuesday to be used during clean-up.

Jack Scotson seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion:

Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

MMIA Liability Insurance. It just happens that Bob Worthington with the MMIA and Owen Voigt with Alexsis Risk Management are traveling through the area. They will stop in Culbertson on Tuesday, 7-7-98 at 8:00 A.M.

Trailer Ordinance. Gloria Hawkinson bought Whitey Marchwick trailer lot. She would like to put a 5-wheel camper on this lot for 3 or 4 months each year. She also plans to put up a fence, storage shed and deck. Gloria is requesting a variance to the town trailer ordinance. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to deny any variance to the ordinance. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle, Jack Scotson and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

The renters in Howard Gobbs trailer on Broadway have a camper pulled beside the trailer for someone to stay in. Council noted previous motion.

Budget Meetings. Budget meetings for FY 1998-99 are July 13 and 20. Public hearing on budget will be held July 27, 1998. Adoption of the budget August 3, 1998. All budget meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Property Insurance. Town received a quote for property insurance from the MMIA. W. Bruce Houle will compare town's current policy to the MMIA policy. Council would like to invite both Bob Worthington-MMIA and Mitch Tihista-Seitz Ins. to discuss the property insurance policies.

Ray Halvorson's water meter read-out quit working, but at one time the read-out and meter matched. The meter and read-out show a difference of 89,000 gallons. A number of years have passed since the read-out and meter matched. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to average the past 6 years water usage for that month and adjust his bill. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. Those voting in favor

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of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Pool. Andrea Vannatta said that at the end of each session of swim lessons each child gets a card from the Red Cross for that level. The cards cost 50¢/child/level. Will the town pay this? Jack Scotson made a motion to pay for the Red Cross Swim Lesson Cards. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Jack Scotson, Paul S. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

County/City Airport. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to accept and sign the County/City Airport Agreement for FY 1998-99. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle, Jack Scotson and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk received the "In The Swim" catalog that Councilman Bernie W. Finnicum suggested.

Public Meeting. There will be a Public Meeting for those damaged by the flood to be held on tuesday, July 7 at the town hall. Bruce suggested the Chamber to serve coffee and cookies. Ask Ila Mae to take care of this. To help get the news of the mtting it was suggested to make posters and door hangers.

GJV's. General journal vouchers #213 and 214 were approved and signed.

Landfill. See if Tom Marchwick can be at the landfill from 12:00 or 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The following bills were reviewed by the auditing committee and ordered paid:

| <u>General Fund:</u> | | <u>Enterprise Fund:</u> | |
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| Cactus Concrete | 300.00 | Postmaster | 19.45 |
| Andrea Vannatta | 380.25 | DNRC | 32800.34 |
| Jessica Schmitz | 204.75 | ND Dept. of Health | 25.00 |
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 1405.55 | Postmaster | 79.60 |
| Darcy Evanson | 931.99 | Lisa Graham | 28.95 |
| Taylor Simensen | 337.41 | Robert Jasper | 1987.25 |
| Lindsey Labatte | 492.23 | Steven Moore | 1557.92 |
| LeeAnne Labatte | 460.82 | Eric Bergum | 682.32 |
| Suzanne Walker | 330.24 | Joyce S. Norris | 97.75 |
| Kwyn Forbregd | 345.89 | PERS | 663.39 |
| Jessica Schmitz | 611.11 | First Community Bank | 1412.06 |
| Erin Poland | 570.02 | Unemp. Ins. | 57.73 |
| PERS | 259.71 | MMIA | 789.64 |
| First Community Bank | 1543.42 | MT Dept. of Revenue | 248.53 |
| Unemp. Ins. | 40.50 | Farm Plan | 30.99 |
| MMIA | 437.42 | Finnicum's | 34.00 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 251.52 | Finnicum's | 146.77 |
| Medquest | 30.00 | The Searchlight | 55.50 |
| Farm Plan | 29.76 | Hometown Market | 29.30 |
| Finnicum's | 115.72 | MDU | 787.93 |
| Finnicum's | 85.11 | MDU | 1187.21 |
| The Searchlight | 102.00 | Nemont Telephone | 103.14 |
| Hometown Market | 22.33 | City Line | 6.89 |
| MDU | 204.60 | Hometown Market | 11.20 |
| MDU | 318.49 | Miller Oil Co. | 145.67 |

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General Fund cont.

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| Nemont Telephone | 266.22 |
| City Line | 1019.32 |
| Bruce Waldhausen | 125.00 |
| Gordon Oelkers | 750.00 |
| Gaffaney's | 142.29 |
| Quality Business Systems | 131.57 |
| Will's Office World | 21.30 |
| Hometown Market | 30.50 |
| The Searchlight | 24.00 |
| Pam Berwick | 25.00 |
| Nicole Aspenlieder | 25.00 |
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 57.04 |
| Information Services Div. | 91.00 |
| Hennessy Law Office | 351.65 |
| Valley Telecommunications | 96.44 |
| Roos. Co. Sheriff Dept. | 916.66 |
| Salvevold Grain, Inc. | 25.00 |
| Farmers Union Oil | 33.05 |
| Miller Oil Co. | 5.85 |
| S & S Chemical & Oil | 27.06 |
| Larsen Builders | 187.87 |
| Hawkins Water Treatment | 125.60 |
| Thompson Pools | 1911.90 |
| The Other Place | 14.98 |
| Northern Pump & Compression | 51.32 |
| Baseball/Softball Leagues | 300.00 |
| Culb. Volunteer Fire Dept. | 1000.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$17,566.46</u> |

Special Funds:

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| Farm Plan | 6.15 |
| Finnicum's | 212.97 |
| Finnicum's | 34.86 |
| MDU | 924.31 |
| MDU | 28.70 |
| City Line | 18.56 |

Enterprise Fund cont.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Larsen Builders | 4.25 |
| Hawkins Water Treatment | 71.00 |
| The Other Place | 24.95 |
| Pat Williams | 50.00 |
| Dept. of Public Health | 33.00 |
| Bruns Electric | 29.00 |
| Williston Woodworks | 126.36 |
| Reds Electric | 214.18 |
| Oelkers Servicer | 161.62 |
| Sidney Red-E-Mix | 614.00 |
| Kohler Communications | 136.45 |
| Kadrmars, Lee & Jackson | 3097.60 |
| Triple M | 68.80 |
| Williston Sanitary Landfill | 984.60 |
| Tom Marchwick | 120.00 |
| MT DEQ | 500.00 |
| Sheridan Electric | 10.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$49,234.34</u> |

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Farmers Union Oil | 98.40 |
| Miller Oil Co. | 40.89 |
| Betty Schroeder | 75.00 |
| Karen Baxter | 30.04 |
| NorMont Equip. Co. | 9.00 |
| Franz Const. | 696.98 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$2,175.86</u> |

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Clerk

Gordon Oelkers
Mayor

July 7, 1998 PUBLIC MEETING.

The purpose of the meeting is to educate and inform those damaged by the flood on proper clean-up and health and safety issues.

Ron Smith, Tri-County Sanitarian was present. He said he would be available if anyone had questions or concerns. The town is pulling 6 water samples on Wednesday 7-8-98. Garbage from clean-up was discussed. Mayor Oelkers said the town public works department would pick-up any and all garbage from the flood.

Dan Sietsema, Roosevelt County Disaster and Emergency Services, said there was not enough damage in the State of Montana to request a Disaster Declaration from the President so as to get assistance from FEMA. The Culbertson Town Council did declare a disaster at the regular meeting on Monday, July 6th as did the Roosevelt County Commissioners for Roosevelt County. However, State Disaster Aide is there to assist local and county governments, not the individual home owner. Dan said he is still checking to see what may be available to assist the home owners and private business. Home owners can deduct their losses for tax purposes. Also, the home can be re-appraised for property tax purposes.

Dan reported the Minnente Disaster Relief Team, 20 men, would be in Culbertson on Wednesday, July 8th to help where needed. The Red Cross will be sending a team from Great Falls. They help the people directly and do an assessment on each home.

Mosquitos will be a huge problem. Suggestions were larvacide, aerial spray and fog.

Dan suggested everyone review their shot records. Tetnus every 5 years under flood conditions.

Dan said it didn't look like SBA was an option. This would have been a low interest loan for private. Must have 40% damage to structure to qualify.

Dan reported a State Mitigation team would be coming to Culbertson to assess what happened and see what can be done to prevent this in the future.

The local Red Cross Chapter from Glasgow had 2 representatives present. The Glasgow office is a 6 county chapter. Red Cross is there to help individuals so they don't have to go through any amount of suffering. Red Cross has an account set-up at Finnicum's. Flood victims can get up to \$15.00 worth of cleaning supplies at Finnicum's on the Red Cross account.

Dr. Abawi and Larene Larsen were on hand to discuss possible health risks. They suggested a titnus shop every 5 years under flood conditions. Special consideration should be given to children working or in the contaminated area. Protective clothing, gloves and masks should be worn during clean-up.

Garden vegetables covered with flood water should not be eaten raw and best not to eat it at all, but at a minimum must be cooked.

Jim Salvevold challenged the Town Council to see that the insurance carrier back the town or find a different carrier.

State Representative Don Hedges from Antelope suggested we call the State Insurance Commissioner.

Restorx. Ben McDowell answered questions on clean-up. Restorx will give away the DDC product, which is a sanitizing agent. Restorx will also test walls at no cost to find out how far the absorption level is.

July 7, 1998 PUBLIC MEETING cont.

K-Ram. K-Ram also had representatives on hand for questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Clerk

Gordon Oelkers
Mayor

July 16, 1998. The Town Council met in special session to review the preliminary budget. The following were present: Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum, Gordon Oelkers, Robert Jasper and Raedelle Aspenlieder.

Meeting on the budget to be continued on Monday, July 20, 1998.

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Clerk

Gordon Oelkers
Mayor

July 20, 1998. The Town Council met in special session to fix the final budget. The following were present: Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle, Gordon Oelkers, Robert Jasper and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Absent: Bernie W. Finnicum.

A 4% pay raise was approved for the following:
Robert Jasper 42¢ raise - increases to \$10.92/hr.; Steven Moore 39¢ raise - increases to \$10.19/hr.; Raedelle Aspenlieder 36¢ raise - increases to \$9.31/hr.; Joyce S. Norris 23¢ raise - increases to \$5.98/hr. No change to swimming pool personnel wages.

Budget hearing for taxpayers will be on Monday, July 27, 1998 at 7:00 P.M.

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Clerk

Gordon Oelkers
Mayor

July 28, 1998. The Culbertson Town Council met for a Public Hearing on FY 1998-99 budget. The following were present: Jack Scotson, Bernie W. Finnicum, Gordon Oelkers, Steve Moore, Robert Jasper and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Absent: Paul S. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. There were no objections on the budget. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Clerk

Gordon Oelkers
Mayor

August 3, 1998.

The Culbertson Town Council met in regular session with the following present: Paul S. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum, Gordon Oelkers, Steve Moore, Robert Jasper, Greg Hennessy and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Absent: Jack Scotson. Guests: Jerry & Carol Lyseng, Kirt Mayson and Ila Mae Forbregd.

Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to approve July 6, 7, 16, 20 and 28, 1998 minutes and accept June 30, 1998 Treasurer Report. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Bernie W. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Jerry and Carol Lyseng are purchasing the truck stop. They wanted to know what licenses and permits are required. The water bill is \$523.82 as of 7-16-98. The construction fee assessment is \$323.40, of which \$30.80 is left from Johnsen's Cafe. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to collect \$292.60 from Jerry and Carol Lyseng and \$231.22 from the SBA for the balance of the bill. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle, Paul S. Finnicum and Bernie W. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED. Attorney Hennessy will try to collect from SBA. If the Missouri River Breaks Truck Stop sells beer and/or wine then the town requires a \$50.00 license fee for that.

Street Pole Christmas Decorations. Ila Mae Forbregd representing the Chamber of Commerce discussed the sorry condition of the street pole Christmas decorations. It would be nice to replace the decorations from Highway 2 south all on Broadway Ave. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to allocate \$6,000 from the Street Lighting Fund for street pole Christmas Decorations. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum, Bernie W. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Water Plant Controls. Kirt Mayson with Tetragenics discussed the water treatment plant control system with the council. The Square D Simax control system is not working and to get system support or trouble shooting has been nearly impossible, therefore the system is run manually. Tetragenics is a Butte, MT company and has been to our treatment plant 2 times evaluating the system and offered some solutions.

Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to put the water plant control system out on bid. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle and Bernie W. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Council asked Kirt Mayson to write a bid sheet for the system, but cautioned him not to write it so as to restrict other companies from competing for the bid due to the specifications.

Council reviewed the letter from Mark E. Jones, Attorney at Law, who owns a home on 1st Ave. E. His home suffered fairly extensive damage from the recent flood. Clerk will send him a copy of the insurance claim Shirley Dillman filled out on his behalf.

Sept. Council Meeting. Due to the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, Sept. 7th the regular September meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1998 at 8:00 p.m.

Curfew. The council discussed the curfew ordinance and suggested some amendments. The following are some, but not all of the changes: children under 18 years of age, it is not limited to children residing in Culbertson, time limit is 10:00 p.m. on weeknights and 12:00 p.m. on weekends with an

August 3, 1998 cont.

Curfew cont.

exception for school or public functions.

Attorney Hennessy will draft the ordinance for first reading at the Sept. 1, 1998 meeting.

Senior Citizen Phone. The county decided to pay the monthly fees for the Senior Citizen telephone.

Water Storage Tank. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to talk to Interstate Engineering about possible options for repairs to the million gallon water storage tank. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor: Paul S. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle and Bernie W. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to give Dennis Elgen \$100 Hometown Dollars for the many hours he volunteers to help the town with street sweeping, insect control and garbage. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Bernie W. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Suggestion from Elva Knudsen is to have a welcome packet for new people to Culbertson. This is so people would have information on garbage and landfill, recycling or seperating, fire sirens or other warning sirens, Cable TV#, etc. Raedelle will ask Ila Mae to help put something together.

GJV's. General journal vouchers #215, 216, 217 and 218 were approved and signed.

Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to approve Resolution No. 296. A Resolution establishing personnel wages effective July 1, 1998. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle and Bernie W. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to approve Resolution No. 297. A Resolution setting the All-Purpose levy of 84.04 mills, Library 4.53 mills and Emergency Disaster 2 mills for FY ending 6-30-99. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Bernie W. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

The City Line - propane utility will be doing a gas check in the business area and one block on either side. They will fill the holes with sand then a crack sealer. This will be done in the next 60 days or so.

Council received a letter from Sande Marchwick-Wix and their family is interested in placing an outdoor bench in front of the Senior Citizen building, just north of the outside door. Council stepped outside to check the conditions and space. This is a good idea, but for snow removal conditions and handicap access the council suggested the possibility of a bench or benches beside the Centennial Planter just north of the building.

Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to pay Tom Marchwick \$6.50/hour and Betty Schroeder \$100.00/month and to list them as regular employees with normal withholdings and payroll taxes. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Bernie W. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

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Swim Lesson Instructors. Should the swim lesson instructors be paid on the normal payroll with the regular payroll taxes? Council will discuss this with Attorney Hennessy at the Sept. meeting.

Hospital Dumpster. Bob went to Dickinson to pick-up a 4 yd. dumpster that the hospital is purchasing. Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to charge the hospital \$150.00 for freight. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Bernie W. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Opposed: Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Investments. Council decided to invest in 3 - \$100,000 C.D.'s and another \$100,000 C.D. when the one matures in August - staggering in 6 month increments.

Property Insurance. W. Bruce Houle discussed the policies he reviewed with the council. Paul suggested town ask for rate to have \$250. and \$500. deductibles. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to accept the property insurance bid from the MMIA with the Boiler/Machinery coverage. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle, Paul S. Finnicum and Bernie W. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk will contact Ron Smith, Tri-County Sanitarian, to check into a report we received that there are rats at Kao's corner on highway 16.

The following bills were reviewed by the auditing committee and ordered paid:

| <u>General Fund:</u> | | <u>Enterprise Fund:</u> | |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| Swimming Pool Cash Box | 50.00 | Steven Moore | 1023.13 |
| Andrea Vannatta | 431.44 | Postmaster | 79.80 |
| Jessica Schmitz | 232.31 | Eric Bergum | 426.73 |
| Postmaster | 32.00 | Robert Jasper | 1336.86 |
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 1795.35 | Joyce S. Norris | 150.07 |
| Darcy Evanson | 892.84 | Jack Scotson | 71.77 |
| Taylor Simensen | 584.60 | Jeff Aspenlieder | 57.34 |
| Lindsey Labatte | 519.00 | Alan Aspenlieder | 33.18 |
| LeeAnne Labatte | 445.67 | PERS | 451.80 |
| Suzanne Walker | 252.44 | MT Dept. of Revenue | 193.60 |
| Kwyn Forbregd | 427.78 | First Community Bank | 1046.00 |
| Jessica Schmitz | 695.34 | Sheridan Electric | 10.00 |
| Erin Poland | 513.39 | MDU | 887.14 |
| Jeri Gustafson | 25.79 | City Line | 6.89 |
| Andrea Vannatta | 187.81 | Finnicum's | 71.54 |
| PERS | 336.73 | Oelkers Servicenter | 192.93 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 283.53 | Larsen Builders | 8.93 |
| First Community Bank | 1843.90 | Hawkins Water Treatment | 141.99 |
| Valley Telecommunications | 56.57 | Robert Jasper | 10.00 |
| MDU | 322.44 | Steven Moore | 5.24 |
| City Line | 454.98 | Hach | 102.25 |
| Finnicum's | 58.90 | Northern Pump & Comp. | 365.32 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 2.00 | Industrial Systems | 533.91 |
| Larsen Builders | 26.93 | Northwest Pipe Fittings | 873.64 |
| Bruce Waldhausen | 125.00 | Kadrmas Lee & Jackson | 371.12 |
| Culb. Pharmacy | 28.59 | Williston Landfill | 385.00 |
| Gaffaney's | 36.00 | Waste Co. Manufacturing | 860.00 |

August 3, 1998 cont.General Fund cont.

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| Roos. Co. Clerk & Recorder | 5.00 |
| Searchlight | 18.00 |
| Roos. Co. Sheriff Dept. | 916.66 |
| Hillside Cemetery Assoc. | 500.00 |
| Van Diest Supply Co. | 1951.00 |
| Miller Oil Co. | 12.35 |
| Farm Plan | 56.46 |
| Thompson Pools | 103.40 |
| S & S Chemical & Oil | 108.24 |
| Hawkins Water Treatment | 68.10 |
| Jessica Schmitz | 100.00 |
| Hometown Market | 109.50 |
| Nemont Telephone | 248.48 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$14,858.52</u> |

Special Funds:

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|-------------------------|---------|
| Hi-Line Sewer & Culvert | 8973.60 |
| Steven Moore | 1023.12 |
| Eric Bergum | 426.76 |
| Robert Jasper | 1336.88 |
| Bill Carlisle | 28.52 |
| Jack Scotson | 107.65 |
| Jory Raaum | 170.21 |
| PERS | 478.80 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 197.06 |
| First Community Bank | 1075.12 |
| MDU | 999.62 |
| City Line | 6.89 |
| Finnicum's | 80.87 |

Enterprise Fund cont.

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| Tom Marchwick | 96.00 |
| Hometown Market | 11.18 |
| Nemont Telephone | <u>109.81</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$9,913.17</u> |

Special Funds cont.

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| Oelkers Servicenter | 260.19 |
| Larsen Builders | 4.97 |
| Farm Plan | 12.64 |
| Betty Schroeder | 75.00 |
| Dixie Berwick | 57.50 |
| Dave's Sanitation | 655.00 |
| Robert Jasper | 630.00 |
| Kohler Communications | 50.00 |
| NorMont Equip. | 395.87 |
| Modern Machine | 63.96 |
| U.S. Bank Trust MT | 3160.16 |
| Williston Landfill | <u>1438.70</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$21,709.09</u> |

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Roselle Asperhede
Clerk

Bob Allen
Mayor

August 27, 1998 Information Meeting at NRCS Office at 8:00 a.m.

The following were present: Gordon Oelkers, Robert Jasper, Rhonda Knudsen, Bret Bledsoe, W. Bruce Houle, Dan Sietsema, Paul S. Finnicum, Dick Iverson, and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Dean Harmon, Roosevelt County Commissioner, was expected, but was not in attendance.

Mayor Oelkers opened the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to get information/proposals from the Mitigation Team. It is hoped that the county equipment will be available to move dirt and build up the dike.

Suggestion: Phase I - Dike & Culvert/Dip by Morey's
Phase II & III - NRCS assist in design of either a series of
dikes or catch basins north of the Saddle Club

The Dept. of Transportation needs to clean the ditch area by their culverts as well as the culverts.

Easements for the dike portion of the project should be in the Town of Culbertson's name from any or all of the 3 land owners involved - Roosevelt Memorial Hospital, Schuetze Foundation, Finnicum. Mayor Oelkers will check with Don Loomer of Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, P.C. about the cost of a legal survey for the dike.

NRCS will provide technical assistance. Paul S. Finnicum suggested a memorandum be drawn between the 3 entities involved (NRCS, Town, County) to protect all parties and have a paper trail with plans, specs, proper completion, easements and time commitments.

Paul Finnicum has dirt 5 miles from town and offered it free of charge for the project. Rhonda Knudsen said typically the dirt material is from creating the ditch by the dike.

Is the dike true to the world? May be a good idea to straighten the dike out.

The culvert now under the road to Morey's is on Hospital property.

First: we need to have a legal survey and set some elevation pins.
Second: request NRCS prepare a preliminary design and oversee the project.
The surveyor needs to contact Dick, Rhonda or Paul when he comes.

To have a complete design, all the hydrology work needs to be done. Would need all those numbers, need flow rates - 5 yr., 10 yr., and 100 yr. floods.

There was discussion of a cement slab/dip and no culvert. Culverts are a maintenance item.

Town will send a letter to Walter Busch at Roosevelt Memorial Hospital to make the Hospital Board aware of the upcoming easement. Others to be notified are Paul & Butch Finnicum and the County Airport Board. Let the Airport Board know or remind them that the extra water should really flow past there.

The CRM has very limited funding - town may need to provide some financial reimbursements when everything is finished.

Bret Bledsoe and Raedelle Aspenlieder are working on a DES Grant.

Town council will discuss whether or not to form a committee for the project.

August 27, 1998 Information Meeting cont.

All of the information from this meeting will be reviewed by the Town Council at the regular September meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk

Mayor

NO SIGNATURES REQUIRED AS THIS WAS AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING.

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September 1, 1998.

The Culbertson Town Council met in regular session with the following present: Paul S. Finnicum, Jack Scotson, W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum, Gordon Oelkers, Robert Jasper, Greg Hennessy and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Guests: Thelma Marchwick, Bruce Waldhausen, Rick Knick, Neil Turnbull and Linda Twitchell.

Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to approve August 3, 1998 minutes. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED. The August 27, 1998 Information Meeting - no signature is required.

Trailer Ordinance. Thelma Marchwick discussed the vacant lot on 1st Street West. This is the one Gloria Hawkinson wanted to purchase to put a 5-wheel camper on for 3 or 4 months each year. She also wanted to put up a fence, storage shed and deck. Thelma said they would comply with the town ordinance. Council said if they comply with the trailer ordinance there is no problem.

Curfew Ordinance. Judge Bruce Waldhausen said he would not have jurisdiction over juveniles for curfew violation. Butch Olson is the Juvenile Judge - offenders would have to go to Wolf Point. Wolf Point, Poplar and Fort Peck Tribes all have an 11:00 P.M. 7 days a week curfew. The County Commissioners can only adopt a curfew for a non-incorporated town in the county. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 187 an Ordinance amending the juvenile curfew hours and penalties in the Town of Culbertson. Any child less than eighteen (18) years old in the town limits when not accompanied by parent or guardian must be off the streets by 11:00 P.M. through 5:00 A.M. the following morning, seven (7) days per week. If attending to employment, school or church functions or public meetings that continue after 11:00 P.M., they must return to their homes immediately after the conclusion of such a meeting. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Town Court. Paul S. Finnicum discussed the \$5.00 time payments on kids. Judge Bruce Waldhausen said often times that the ones who commit the crimes don't have the money. Town council is interested in community service. Bruce Waldhausen said if the kid pays \$5.00/month it reminds them monthly of their mistake.

MGI. Neil Turnbull - Montola Growers Assoc. discussed a letter from Thomas Rolfstad, Director-Williston Economic Development, specifically the Star Fund. The Star Fund has committed \$40,000 to an interest buydown provided it is matched by an equal or greater amount by the Culbertson community.

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MGI cont.

Attorney Hennessy did ask the Montana Attorney General for an opinion of whether the Town of Culbertson could participate in this type of transaction. Greg explained the Attorney General Office normally did an opinion from local government. The AG Office no longer does the opinion. They require the Town Attorney to do a legal brief and send to the AG Office.

MGI is no longer looking for an equity partner, but are looking for a Co-Op Group.

Linda Twitchell said the Star Fund is Sales Tax Monies. Linda checked to see if other Montana towns have given funds to private business and found none. Rick Knick said Williston Star Fund is interested in whether or not the local Town of Culbertson supports the plant.

MGI would still like Culbertson to match the Star Fund \$40,000 for interest buydown. Is equity, as in the Growers Co-Op possible? The Co-Op share - share price is any amount you want. Preferred or Common Stock?

The council wants Linda Twitchell to see what the Great Northern Development Corp. can offer without the town getting in to the General Fund, and then run this past the Star Fund for an acceptable match. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to request Linda Twitchell talk with Tom Rolfstad to find out what match is acceptable. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Rural Water. Rick Knick said letters of support to our Senators and Congressmen are necessary at this time. Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to send letters of support for the Dry Prairie Rural Water Project. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Watershed. Council reviewed Information Meeting minutes. Bret Bledsoe checked with Jerry Smithers on Dean Harmon's concern that if the County Road Crew did the dirt work for the dike it would preclude the Town from DES grant funds. Mr. Smithers thought it was a great idea and would help get the grant.

Phase I of the project would be a diking system and a culvert/dip in the road at Morey's.

Phases II & III would be with NRCS assistance in design of either a series of dikes or catch basins north of the Saddle Club.

Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to move on with Phase I and immediately start in the development process for a watershed plan. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

PL566 is a Federal Program for small watershed and floodplain programs. This is long range as it takes 10-15 years to get.

There was a suggestion to put together a group of citizens as an advisory board to the council.

Mayor Oelkers got an estimated cost of \$1600.00 from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson to do a legal survey for the dike. Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to have Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson do the legal survey and set elevation pins. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

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Watershed cont.

The County Road Dept. and Rhonda Knudsen, NRCS will be available after Oct. 1, 1998. Bret Bledsoe wants a letter from the town to the Lower Missouri River CRM requesting his assistance. The CRM (Coordinated Resource Management Council) is a non-profit group funded by grants and donations. They have allowed Bret to dedicate 2 days a week to work on a watershed plan for Culbertson. We may need to look at a future donation or contribution to CRM.

Million Gal. Water Tank. Council reviewed a general list of options for fixing the 1,000,000 gal. water storage tank from Don Loomer - Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to proceed with bid proposal and specifications to be drawn up for cathodic protection, sandblasting and coating of million gallon water storage tank. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Town will be advertising water treatment plant controls in September with bids due by Oct. 5, 1998 regular meeting.

Town Council received a letter from Sande Wix and Tom Marchwick concerning placement of a bench in front of the Town Hall Building. They did not find the planter location the council suggested to be suitable. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to approve a non-stationary bench so it can be removed in the winter for snow removal ease. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum, Bernie W. Finnicum and Jack Scotson. Opposed: W. Bruce Houle. MOTION CARRIED.

Swim Lesson Instructor Pay. Swimming lesson instructors pay has been 75% of proceeds and the town getting 25% of the proceeds. However, this did not cover the instructors with Workers' Compensation Insurance. Council decided to make them employees so they still get 75% of the lesson monies, town will take taxes out of the 25%.

Pool. Lately the council has been hearing some complaints about the pool.

Water Testing. Jack Scotson made a motion to use the Crane Water Lab for the monthly water coliform tests. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED. They will need to provide a Certificate of Insurance to the town.

Water Bill. The Small Business Administration did pay the \$231.00 water bill on the old Johnsen's Cafe thanks to Attorney Hennessy.

Property Insurance. The lowest deductible that the MMIA offers for property insurance is \$1000.00. This is due to the low incidence of claims that cities & towns have had. They were able to justify it and generally towns are money ahead with the \$1000.00 deductible.

Aerial Mosquito Application. Town has not received a bill for the aerial mosquito application from Dallas O'Connor. Clerk will follow-up on this with Bob Jasper as he talked to Dallas.

Garbage Customers. Don Kelly needs to move his garbage rack to the school side of the grey house lot. The locations now requires the garbage truck to back-up on the highway and then still carry the cans a ways to the truck to dump. Check the ordinance on location of rack.

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Garbage Customers cont.

Clerk will put a notice in the Searchlight asking people to trim trees in alleys before winter so the garbage truck and riders can pass by safely.

Rats. Ron Smith, Tri-County Sanitarian, did check for rats at Kao's property on the corner of Hwy. 16 and found no sign of rats.

Water School. No one from town will be able to attend the Water School in Bozeman Sept. 21-24.

GJV's. General journal vouchers #219 and #225 were approved and signed.

Pre-Buy Propane. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to pre-buy \$250.00 worth of propane for the water treatment plant from Miller Oil Co. Jack Scotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Building Permits. Building permits for Ray Mule' and Ross Helmer were approved and signed.

Christmas Pole Decorations. The new Christmas Pole Decorations (10 zig zag trees and 10 candles) and brackets are here. The Lions Club will put up the brackets. The committee will rework the bells and Santas. Town will destroy the soldiers and stars.

Office Computer. Paul S. Finnicum suggested that Jack, Bruce and Raedelle put together a bid specification for an office computer and advertise.

Clerk will write Hannes Hallgrimson a letter of concern due to the tanks he has on a lot and the possibility of them containing hazardous material. What are his plans for the tanks? The town council would like them removed.

The following bills were reviewed by the auditing committee and ordered paid:

| <u>General Fund:</u> | | <u>Enterprise Funds:</u> | |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| Culb. Chamber of Commerce | 100.00 | MMIA | 862.00 |
| MMIA | 305.00 | MMIA | 1400.67 |
| MMIA | 1660.00 | Eric Bergum | 389.02 |
| Andrea Vannatta | 370.50 | Postmaster | 80.00 |
| Jessica Schmitz | 199.50 | Alan Aspenleider | 24.00 |
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 1666.66 | Robert Jasper | 2075.42 |
| Darcy Evanson | 792.75 | Steven Moore | 1601.98 |
| Taylor Simensen | 503.08 | Joyce S. Norris | 168.70 |
| Lindsey Labatte | 367.90 | Jack Scotson | 111.33 |
| LeeAnne Labatte | 382.41 | First Community Bank | 1381.72 |
| Suzanne Walker | 351.11 | MT Dept. of Revenue | 255.60 |
| Kwyn Forbregd | 527.23 | PERS | 690.03 |
| Jessica Schmitze | 529.08 | MDU | 21.26 |
| Erin Poland | 513.43 | Sheridan Electric | 10.00 |
| Jeri Gustafson | 12.90 | Hawkins Water Treatment | 812.47 |
| Andrea Vannatta | 15.49 | Sullivan Wholesale | 123.41 |
| First Community Bank | 1623.62 | Robert Jasper | 9.95 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 246.47 | Larsen Builders | 9.78 |
| PERS | 309.69 | HF Scientific, Inc. | 37.07 |
| MDU | 552.28 | Industrial Systems | 505.69 |
| Valley Telecommunications | 65.97 | Oelkers Servicer | 165.95 |

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General Fund cont.

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Bruce Waldhausen | 125.00 |
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 8.45 |
| Gaffaney's | 1058.49 |
| The Searchlight | 48.00 |
| MMCTFOA | 35.00 |
| Great Northern Development | 796.00 |
| Hennessy Law Office | 3034.16 |
| Roos. Co. Sheriff Dept. | 916.66 |
| Roosevelt County | 550.00 |
| Van Diest Supply Co. | 1641.40 |
| Falcon Pump & Supply | 40.00 |
| S & S Chemical | 8.55 |
| Hawkins Water Treatment | 243.47 |
| Sullivan Wholesale | 123.41 |
| Modern Machine Works | 51.95 |
| MDU | 27.37 |
| The City Line | 191.19 |
| Nemont Telephone | 242.99 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$20,237.16</u> |

Enterprise Funds cont.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Northwest Pipe Fittings | 344.62 |
| Red's Electric | 50.00 |
| Kois Brothers | 292.94 |
| Williston Sanitary Landfill | 861.80 |
| Tom Marchwick | 120.00 |
| The City Line | 6.89 |
| Nemont Telephone | 102.19 |
| Miller Oil Co. | 198.78 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$12,713.27</u> |

Special Funds:

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| Michael Nickoloff | 165.82 |
| MMIA | 549.00 |
| MMIA | 928.00 |
| Temple Display, Ltd. | 1080.00 |
| MDU | 1009.26 |
| Reiman Publications | 12.98 |
| Teen | 19.94 |
| Montana | 24.00 |
| Traveler | 29.95 |
| Seventeen | 19.95 |
| Culb. Library | 45.44 |
| Betty Schroeder | 75.00 |
| Dept. of Public Health | 99.00 |
| Temple Display, Ltd. | 1381.96 |
| General Plastics Corp. | 3278.00 |
| Farmers Union Oil | 113.40 |
| Farm Plan | 477.83 |
| Karen Baxter | 18.18 |
| The City Line | 6.89 |
| Triple M | 18.00 |
| Larsen Builders | 44.32 |
| Miller Oil Co. | 18.39 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$9,415.31</u> |

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Clerk

Leslie Allen
Mayor

October 5, 1998.

The Culbertson Town Council met in regular session with the following present: Paul S. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum, Gordon Oelkers, Robert Jasper, Steve Moore and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Absent: Jack Scotson and Greg Hennessy. Guests: Kirt Mayson, Rob Oelkers, Don Loomer and Gary Peppenger.

Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to approve Sept. 1, 1998 minutes and accept July 31, 1998 Treasurer Report. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Bernie W. Finnicum, Paul S. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

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Curfew Ordinance No. 187. Second reading of Ordinance No. 187 was done. Gary Peppenger, Culbertson High School Government Teacher, shared a survey done by the Senior Government Class on the proposed curfew ordinance. According to the survey, the suggested curfew would be 11:00 p.m. on week-nights and 12:00 midnight on weekends. Town council members each received a letter from Vicki Miller voicing her opinions. Vicki was in favor of 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 12:00 midnight on weekends. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to accept second reading of Ordinance No. 187, An Ordinance Amending The Juvenile Curfew Hours And Penalties In The Town Of Culbertson, Montana. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle and Bernie W. Finnicum. Opposed: Paul S. Finnicum. Absent: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.
Clerk will get correct curfew on Channel 15.

Drug Dog. A drug, firearms and alcohol dog will be based in Poplar. Paul was interested in the Town's of Culbertson, Froid and Bainville having a drug dog to be Rob Oelkers partner. Council needs to do more checking on just a drug dog and see what the school may have participated in.

Million Gallon Tank. Don Loomer with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, P.C. will do the bid specifications for sandblasting and coating of the million gallon water storage tank. Bid ads will go out after 1-1-99 and bids will be opened at 2-1-99 council meeting. Project completion date is tentatively set for 6-1-99.

Dike. Mayor Oelkers talked to Rhonda Knudsen with the NRCS about the order of steps necessary to get started on construction of the dike. The legal survey has been done by Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, P.C. Rhonda said they need the legal survey, letter of memorandum between the Town and NRCS. It was suggested the town hire an engineer to design and oversee the dike and culvert project. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to hire Don Loomer with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, P.C. to design and oversee the dike and culvert project, with the town getting easements from the Hospital and Finnicum's to work and construct the dike and with the town taking responsibility for maintenance and liability of the dike. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Paul will work on the letter of memorandum between the Town and NRCS. Council will try to get a special meeting with the hospital board for the dike and easement. Council will discuss grant application with Bret Bledsoe.

Garbage Truck. Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to get bids for a hydraulic wench for the garbage truck. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Bernie W. Finnicum, Paul S. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Water Treatment Plant Control-Bids. The following bids for Water Treatment Plant Controls were opened:

Microcom \$39800.00

Kirst Engineering \$40733.00

Colstrip Electric \$100,000.00 - \$21,250.00 (per fax) = \$78,750.00

Tetragenics \$39,750.00

Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to accept bid from Tetragenics for \$39750.00 plus engineer and plus electrician. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum, Bernie W. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

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When the Town knows when Kirt Mayson and the project engineer from Tetragenics are coming back to look at the plant, at that time we will invite the local electricians to meet with them at the plant and then get bids for the electrical portion of the project. Clerk will send letters for this.

Office Computer Bids. The following bids for the office computer hardware were opened:

Gaffaney's \$3050.00
 EZ Computers \$2326.00
 Will's Office World \$2850.00
 Gateway \$2225.00

W. Bruce Houle made a motion to accept the bid from Gateway for \$2225.00. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle and Bernie W. Finnicum. Opposed: Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Shop. Eleanor Plummer stopped by the office to let the town council know their shop is for sale for \$76,500.00. This is 5 lots less 10 feet. Clerk will call Gene Marchwick for a price on his property by the gravel yard. Does the town have to notice the public of intent to purchase private property?

MGI and Great Northern Development. No new information.

Community Development. Paul would like to discuss at the November meeting the possibility of using video gambling revenues above what is required for the general fund budget for community development.

GJV's. General journal vouchers #220, 221, 222 & 223 were approved and signed. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to approve general journal voucher #224 Authorized Budget Transfers for 6-30-98. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Building Permits. Building permits for the Methodist Church and Nemont Telephone Coop. were approved and signed.

Joe McCormick and Betty Conyers will have a special floodplain building permit to fill out. Clerk will send them the proper form.

The following bills were reviewed by the auditing committee and ordered paid:

| <u>General Fund:</u> | | <u>Enterprise Funds:</u> | |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| MDU | 127.49 | Miller Oil Co. | 251.75 |
| Deposit Guaranty Nat'l Bank | 3000.00 | Postmaster | 80.40 |
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 1576.49 | Robert Jasper | 1322.98 |
| First Community Bank | 519.50 | Steven Moore | 1102.70 |
| PERS | 291.62 | Joyce S. Norris | 99.02 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 93.33 | Jack Scotson | 227.23 |
| UI Contributions Bureau | 60.40 | Tom Marchwick | 92.90 |
| MMIA | 633.85 | First Community Bank | 902.22 |
| Valley Telecommunications | 72.42 | PERS | 454.00 |
| MDU | 287.27 | MT Dept. of Revenue | 168.19 |
| The City Line | 20.67 | UI Contributions Bureau | 48.67 |
| Finnicum's | 126.54 | MMIA | 591.60 |
| Bruce Waldhausen | 125.00 | Sheridan Electric Coop. | 10.00 |

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General Fund cont.

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Will's Office World | 154.44 |
| Gaffaney's | 236.90 |
| Hometown Market | 80.05 |
| Sheridan Floral | 25.00 |
| Kadmas, Lee & Jackson | 12.56 |
| Hennessy Law Office | 3078.67 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 74.17 |
| Hawkins Water Treatment | 71.00 |
| Miller Oil Co. | 193.51 |
| Hometown Market | 15.85 |
| The Searchlight | 54.00 |
| Red's Electric | 146.00 |
| MDU | 42.27 |
| Nemont Telephone | 154.33 |
| Finnicum's | 249.68 |
| Farm Plan | 66.30 |
| Larsen Builders | 59.11 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$11,648.42</u> |

Special Funds:

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Salsbury Industries | 630.52 |
| Robert Jasper | 661.49 |
| Steven Moore | 551.32 |
| Betty Schroeder | 89.87 |
| First Community Bank | 430.60 |
| PERS | 227.01 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 79.09 |
| UI Contributions Bureau | 21.68 |
| MMIA | 283.28 |
| MDU | 990.59 |
| The City Line | 6.89 |
| Finnicum's | 77.48 |
| Consumer Reports | 24.00 |
| Roos. Memorial Clinic | 54.00 |
| Roos. Co. Sheriff Dept. | 916.66 |
| Triple M | 6.00 |
| Finnicum's | 16.13 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$5,066.61</u> |

Enterprise Funds cont.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| MDU | 1476.52 |
| The City Line | 6.89 |
| Finnicum's | 26.82 |
| Hometown Market | 11.18 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 148.42 |
| Triple M | 235.65 |
| Joe McCormick | 50.00 |
| Dave Boysun | 50.00 |
| Evelyn Herness | 50.00 |
| Paul S. Finnicum | 50.00 |
| Chet Hill | 50.00 |
| Reginal Rudolph | 50.00 |
| Mike Weeks | 50.00 |
| Mike Nickoloff | 50.00 |
| Bruno Ostwald | 50.00 |
| Gordon Oelkers | 50.00 |
| Joe Reynen | 50.00 |
| Jens Neilsen | 50.00 |
| Steve Baldwin | 50.00 |
| MT Dept. of Health | 16.50 |
| Agri Industries | 33.50 |
| Northwest Pipe Fittings | 306.00 |
| Industrial Systems, Inc. | 9.57 |
| Dana Kepner | 189.96 |
| Prairie Sand & Gravel | 53.50 |
| Williston Sanitary Landfill | 940.80 |
| Curt Thiessen | 200.00 |
| Hometown Market | 11.20 |
| Billings Gazette | 170.10 |
| MDU | 1013.79 |
| Nemont Telephone | 102.14 |
| Finnicum's | 42.70 |
| Farm Plan | 3.10 |
| Miller Oil Co. | 30.07 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$11,030.07</u> |

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

Ronald Aspinwall
Clerk

[Signature]
Mayor

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SURVEY

The Senior Class of Culbertson Schools is conducting a survey of the citizens of Culbertson, Montana. The content of the survey pertains to the proposed Curfew Ordinance that is being considered by the City Council. The following questions were created by the Government Class with the anticipation of helping the City Council determine what the final Curfew Ordinance will be in Culbertson. The City Council is to hear a final reading of the Proposed Ordinance on its regularly scheduled meeting to be held on October 8th. The questionnaire is anonymous and to be given to the Council.

Please take the time to fill out the following questionnaire.

1. Do you know what the proposed Curfew is? Y N

2. Do you think we need a Curfew and if so, what time do you think it should be?

3. Do you feel that a Curfew is fair to all teens? Why or why not?

4. Would you support an enforced Curfew even if it meant taxes had to go up to pay for enforcement of the Curfew? Y N

5. Do you think a siren (warning signal) should be used to denote the beginning of the Curfew? Y N

6. Do you feel the city or the parents of teens should decide when a teen should be at home?

7. What type of punishment should be enacted for the people who break the proposed Curfew?

8. Do you feel the Juvenile Crime rate in Culbertson is high?

9. How strongly do you feel about a Curfew Law?

 very interested somewhat interested not interested

Results from the Survey

The results from the Survey are as follows:

- From Question #1: knowledge about proposed survey
79% of polled stated they knew what the proposed Curfew is
21% didn't know what the proposed survey stated
- From Question #2: When the Curfew should be enforced
During the week, the Curfew should be 11:00 p.m. (45%)
During the Weekend, the Curfew should be 12:00 (51%)
- From Question #3: Fairness of Curfew
60% stated the Curfew was fair to all teens
40% stated the Curfew wasn't fair to all teens
- From Question #4: Support for higher taxes to pay for enforcement
55% stated support for higher taxes if necessary
45% stated they wouldn't support higher taxes for enforcement
- From Question #5: Use of warning Siren
48% stated their support for a siren when Curfew begins
52% stated they wouldn't support the use of a siren to designate the beginning of Curfew
- From Question #6: Who should determine Curfew time? City or Parents
33% stated the city should set and enforce curfew
66% stated that the parents should be responsible for their childrens' curfew
- From Question #7: What should be the punishment for Curfew breakers
53% supported a fine for parent or Juvenile
38% supported sending the juvenile home
9% supported jail time for juvenile or parent
- From Question #8: Feelings on Juvenile Crime rate in Culbertson
25% said it is high
75% stated that they didn't think it was high
- From Question #9: Interest in Curfew Law
52% stated they were "very interested" in Curfew law
33% stated they were "somewhat interested" in Curfew law
15% stated they were not interested in Curfew law.

What is this survey suggesting (from those polled)?

The results of this survey suggested that the citizens polled had a good knowledge of the proposed curfew law and that they would say that the Curfew Law was fair, to the point where they would support higher taxation to pay for it. However, citizens didn't support the use of a siren, and many felt that punishment should be on a "gradual basis" such as taking juvenile home first offense, nominal jail fine for second offense, and parental involvement in subsequent incidents. Very few citizens polled felt there was a problem with Juvenile Crime, but the interest in a Curfew law was significant. The suggested Juvenile Curfew would be at 11:00 on Weeknights and 12:00 on Weekends. In the end, the respondents suggested that parents need to take more responsibility for Curfew of their sons/daughters.

Thank you for your Consideration

Culbertson Senior Government Class

1) Yes - 79%
No - 21%

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|--------------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------------------|
| 2) Week days | 5% | 40% | 45% | 10% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| time | 9:00 | 10:00 | 11:00 | 12:00 | 1:00 | None | Age Differential |
| Week end | 0% | 0% | 9% | 51% | 12% | 21% | 6% |

3) Fair
Yes - 60%
No - 40%

4) Yes - 55% Higher taxes
No - 45%

5) Yes - 48% Siren
No - 52%

6) City - 33% Set curfew
Parents - 66%

7) Fine - 53% Punishment
Sent Home - 38%
Jail - 9%

8) High - 25% Juvinial Crime Rate Higher/Low
Low - 75%

9) Very - 52% Interest in Curfew law
Somewhat - 33%
Not - 15%

September 18, 1998

Dear Council Member,

Before the curfew ordinance as 11:00PM seven days a week is passed, I'd like to voice my opinions.

I was in favor of the curfew ordinance when you had it at 10:00PM weekdays and 12:00 midnight weekends. Personally, I feel 11:00pm could cause more problems for our local law enforcement than it will solve.

I understand from the paper that the change from the original hours was because Poplar, Wolf Point, and the Fort Peck Tribes is 11:00PM seven days a week. Do you think that is a fair comparison to our teens? How often do our teens associate with Poplar, Wolf Point, and the Fort Peck Tribes?

I checked with Bainville and Froid as our teens do associate with the teens from these towns. They, at present, have no curfew. Froid has begun talks of a curfew and their realms of possibility according to a councilman would be 10:00 and 12:00 midnight.

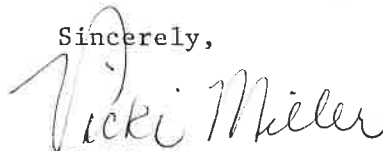
Being from a rural area much of our teens "good" entertainment requires about an hours travel. Bowling, movies, etc... Movies begin at 8:15 mountain time, making it impossible to be home by 11:00PM - but no problem by midnight, even if they stop to eat something after a movie. Friday night "extreme bowling" begins at 9:00PM mountain time!

Even if our teens get together after a game for pizza and a movie, they can't be home by 11:00, but can be by midnight, without parents worrying about them dragging a main on their way home...

I do believe a curfew is necessary, but seriously think you should consider the additional problems you will require of parents and law enforcement in imposing an 11:00pm weekend curfew as opposed to midnight.

A large majority of parents I have talked to think the curfew is still at the original 10:00 and 12:00 midnight. As of today, channel 15 still advertises Culbertson's new curfew ordinance at 10:00pm weekdays and 12:00 midnight weekends.

Sincerely,



Vicki Miller

Box 408

Culbertson MT 59218

November 2, 1998.

The Culbertson Town Council met in regular session with the following present: Paul S. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum, Gordon Oelkers, Robert Jasper, Greg Hennessy and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Absent: Jack Scotson. Guests: Don Loomer, Ron Oelkers, Keenan Engelke, Dale Morey, Dallas Dehner, Steve Baldwin, Rick Knick, Muriel Park, Lorena Hekkel, Kale Rasmussen, Don & Myrna Oelkers, Jim & Sharon Salvevold and Laura Christoffersen.

Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to approve October 5, 1998 minutes and accept Aug. 31 and Sept. 30, 1998 Treasurer Reports. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Bernie W. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Dike. Don Loomer with Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, P.C. explained the preliminary plans for the dike and culvert. The dike will be totally on hospital property. Attorney Hennessy had drafted the necessary Right-Of-Way Easement for the Town and Hospital to sign per instructions of the Hospital Board. The dike can only be as high as Highway No. 16. The preliminary plans were designed for peak flow of 830 CFS based on estimate from the U.S.G.S. Technical Paper for 100 year frequency. Don felt he over-designed the low water crossing - the crossing alone is designed to handle 1150 CFS and in addition the culverts are another 80 CFS. The dike and culvert should handle 4 square miles of drainage based on the 100 year frequency. Mayor Oelkers asked the guests and council if they had any questions. Don Loomer fielded questions from the guests on the preliminary design plans. One of the questions was on the low water crossing, whether it would be too much of a dip to pull a horse trailer through or drive a truck over. Don suggested it be built according to the plans, but prior to pouring concrete to make it permanent, all interested parties should drive through the crossing with the horse trailer or trucks that will be using the crossing to proof-test the design and double-check the specifications against real world usage.

The council asked Dale Morey, who lives at the residence north of the low water crossing, if he agreed with the preliminary plans and especially the culvert design now blue-printed. Dale said yes.

Mayor Oelkers asked the guests and council if they had any further questions on the dike and culvert design.

Attorney Laura Christoffersen representing the '98 flood victims, asked questions and raised no objections to the proposed design, and requested a copy of the preliminary plans. Don Loomer gave her one of the two sets that he brought.

The dike and culvert are a start in the process for a watershed plan. The county commissioners said the county road crew would do the dirt work. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to accept the plans as designed for the dike from Highway No. 16 east, cement the culvert and work with the county on construction. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle and Bernie W. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Oelkers addressed the guests: Keenan had nothing for the council and Kale Rasmussen was observing for his college Government Class.

Dry Prairie Rural Water. Rick Knick discussed the progress of Dry Prairie Rural Water. The project has \$500,000 to spend this year on wetland studies, engineering, etc. The off-reservation portion of the project is estimated to cost \$76,000,000. Dry Prairie Rural Water had to come up with \$16,000,000., they are looking for the State to provide \$8,000,000. and locally raise \$8,000,000.

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DPRW is asking potential water users for a participation fee. The Federal and State Governments need to see that the area is financially committed to the project. DPRW also needs matching funds to obtain grant monies. The amount from the Town is \$5.00/town water user. The money will not be spent until Congress authorizes construction and at that time will be applied towards the towns hook-up fee. If Congress does not authorize construction, the money will be returned to the town. The final engineering report will be done January 1999. This will be the close of the subscription period for towns. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to contribute \$5.00 for every water meter in Culbertson. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum, Bernie W. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED. When the check needs to be written, Rick will pick it up. Clerk will write DPRW a letter of council action on committment.

Portable Radios. Bob discussed the portable radio problems we are having and the information from Kohler Communications. Purchase of 2 portable radios was budgeted in the FY. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to authorize the purchase of the 2 portable radios. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle and Bernie W. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Gene Marchwick trailer lots south of the town gravel yard are for sale. Gene is asking \$10,900. Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to offer \$7500. for the property. Motion died for lack of a second. Paul's concern was the shortage of lots in town. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to offer \$4500. with the stipulation that the trailers be moved off within 30 days and only go a maximum of \$200.00 in legal fees to be paid by the town. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle, Paul S. Finnicum and Bernie W. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED. Clerk will write to Gene Marchwick.

Computer. Computer and software were discussed. No motions made. Software will be discussed again in December.

W. Bruce Houle made a motion to sign the Right-Of-Way Easement for the Dike and Levee. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED. Send Attorney Hennessy a copy when all signatures are done.

3rd. Ave. E. Truck traffic on 3rd Ave. E. increased with the sugar beet harvest. Does the town want to restrict truck traffic from 6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. on 3rd Ave. E.? Truck traffic and speeds through town are a concern and were increased with sugar beet harvest. Bruce suggested this be brought up in September and possibly meet with the sugar beet people.

Traffic Study. Stan Johnutis, DOT in Glendive called and they have the results of the traffic studies. They want to meet with the Mayor and Council. Stan will call back with a date and time. Town should notify the school and Dean Stepler of this meeting as they have been interested since the request for the study. Council suggested clerk get the public notice out for this meeting.

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Attorney General Joe Mazurek gives opinion on public workers. A city public works employee cannot serve as an elected member of a city council. Mazurek said legal doctrine prohibits the holding of incompatible positions. Attorney Hennessy said he would have to read the whole opinion to see if it pertained to all employees whether full-time, part-time, permanent or temporary.

Tetragenics. Tetragenics Company requires a legally binding contract between them and their customers. Normally, this is done through a Purchase Order process, however in this case, the Town of Culbertson does not issue Purchase Orders. To facilitate this requirement, Tetragenics Company asks that the Town of Culbertson sign in the space provided, a letter indicating that we accept Tetragenics proposal of Oct. 5, 1998 and the Terms and Conditions set forth by it. Mayor Oelkers signed.

Fogger. The Town of Froid is interested in purchasing the thermal fogger. Does the Town of Culbertson want to sell, and if so how much? W. Bruce Houle made a motion to sell the thermal fogger to Froid for \$250.00. Bernie W. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED.

Lower Missouri CRM. Council received a request from Bret Bledsoe - Lower Missouri CRM. The Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, University of Iowa, National Sedimentation Laboratory, Lower Missouri Coordinated Resource Management Council, and the Agriculture Research Station will be conducting an Ice Study on the Missouri River. One of the sites chosen for the study is the Culbertson pump site. They are asking permission to place an 8x8 shelter to house computer equipment at the site. They are also requesting use of an electrical hook-up to run the equipment and heat the shelter. If the Town allows the use of power from the pumphouse they will be compensated at a fair rate. Bernie W. Finnicum made a motion to allow them to put the shelter at the pumphouse site, but they pay for their own electricity and have their own meter. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Bernie W. Finnicum, Paul S. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson. MOTION CARRIED. Other discussion on the subject was that the Town is not responsible for loss of property, there needs to be a lease in which the Town is held harmless and that there be no adverse affects to our pump site.

Bret Bledsoe also sent a letter informing the Town Council that he met with Larry Akers and Jerry Smithers concerning the Disaster & Emergency Services Hazard Mitigation Grant for Culbertson. This grant will not reimburse for any work done on Phase I, nor were any funds currently available. Also, this grant will not pay for any design work. This grant may not be an option for Culbertson. Our efforts could be better concentrated on more productive options.

Building Permits. Building permits for the Missouri Breaks Truckstop, Joe McCormick & Betty Conyers and Gene & Darlene McCormick were approved and signed.

Drinking Water SRF Project Priority List. If the town is planning to make improvements or planning a project, we are encouraged to consider an SRF loan as a source of funding. In order to receive an SRF loan a project must be on the Program's Comprehensive Priority List. Improvements the Town is planning are the million gallon water storage tank, water plant controls and sewer lagoon.

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Dogs. Clerk reported we have had dog complaints from 2 Day Care Providers. Dogs are licensed on a calendar year. There was discussion of licensing dogs for free between Jan. 1 - 31, 1999. This would allow us to be able to identify dogs by use of licensing. There will be more discussion on this subject in December.

Workers' Com. Ins. Is the town interested in a competitive quote for Workers' Compensation Insurance from the State? Clerk will ask for a competitive quote.

Sewer Main Line. On 10-20-98 Mark Mahlen from Stagecoach Casino said he had sewer coming up in the basement. Robert Jasper responded to the call and found grease in the sewer main line. Hi-Line was called and the problem taken care of. The Stagecoach and USDA building are the only sewer services at this location. Mark said he would talk to their employees. Council said to send a letter to the Stagecoach Casino stating the town did clean and pay this time, the next time they will be charged for the cleaning of the main.

Dike. Request has been granted to use soil from the Finnicum property on Hospital property during construction of the dike.

The following bills were reviewed by the auditing committee and ordered paid:

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| Postmaster | 32.00 | Robert Jasper | 1894.39 |
| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 1545.85 | Steven Moore | 1596.53 |
| PERS | 284.87 | Joyce S. Norris | 104.53 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 86.88 | Tom Marchwick | 46.30 |
| First Community Bank | 505.86 | Jack Scotson | 28.52 |
| MDU | 247.40 | PERS | 651.93 |
| The City Line | 88.82 | MT Dept. of Revenue | 221.56 |
| Nemont Telephone | 172.07 | First Community Bank | 1219.52 |
| First Community Bank | 10.45 | MDU | 20.82 |
| Bruce Waldhausen | 125.00 | Sheridan Electric | 10.00 |
| Gaffaney's | 119.74 | MUD | 334.43 |
| Culb. State Agency | 100.00 | Nemont Telephone | 103.78 |
| Hennessy Law Office | 139.62 | Hennessy Law Office | 3056.38 |
| Valley Telecommunications | 53.16 | Oelkers Servicenter | 95.83 |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 9.00 | Hawkins Water Treatment | 161.99 |
| Hawkins Water Treatment | 43.75 | MT Dept. of Health | 16.50 |
| Montana Aeronautics Div. | 27.55 | Crane Water Lab | 15.00 |
| Bruce Waldhausen | 100.00 | Great Falls Tribune | 108.80 |
| Finnicum's | 13.12 | Northwest Pipe Fittings | 297.72 |
| TOTAL | \$6,336.68 | Miller Oil Co. | 82.00 |
| | | S & S Chemical | 31.25 |
| | | Hi-Line Sewer & Culvert | 2895.00 |
| | | Williston Sanitary Landfill | 959.30 |
| <u>Special Funds:</u> | | Reds Electric | 973.00 |
| Betty Schroeder | 92.15 | The City Line | 6.89 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | .70 | Finnicum's | 153.71 |
| First Community Bank | 15.30 | TOTAL | \$15,164.88 |
| MDU | 956.13 | | |
| The City Line | 28.56 | | |
| Gaffaney's | 6.53 | | |
| Oelkers Servicenter | 5.77 | | |

Nov. 2, 1998 Council Meeting

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Don Oelkers | Cull |
| Dallas Dekner | Culbertson |
| Walt Moley | Cull |
| Jim Saldeen | " " |
| Karen | |
| Maril Paek | Cull |
| Lorena Bekked | " |
| Pyrrna Oelkers | " |
| Pete Hinch | " |
| Don Team | K.L. & J. Williston RD |
| Kate Rasmussen | Culbertson |

Also present but not signed

Ron Oelkers

Jim Salvevold

Sharon Salvevold

Laura Christoffersen

November 2, 1998 cont.

Special Revenue Funds cont.:

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|---------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| The Saturday Evening Post | 23.94 | Triple M | 6.00 |
| McCall's | 11.97 | Farm Plan | 341.10 |
| Family Circle | 16.97 | Farmers Union Oil | 47.40 |
| Culb. Public Library | 95.30 | Western Plains Mach. | 36.71 |
| Barnes & Noble Inc. | 117.98 | Roos. Memorial Clinic | 158.00 |
| Franz Const. | 756.64 | Finnicum's | 13.61 |
| Roos. Co. Sheriff | 916.66 | TOTAL | <u>\$3,647.42</u> |

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Raedelle Aspenlieder
Clerk

Eric Allen
Mayor

November 17, 1998 Special Meeting.

The Culbertson Town Council held a special meeting requested by the Montana Department of Transportation to discuss the results of the 2 traffic studies that were requested by the Town Council. Representatives from the MT DOT were Michael P. Johnson, District Administrator - Glendive and Stanley M. Jonutis, District 4 Traffic Engineer - Glendive. The following were present: Gordon Oelkers, W. Bruce Houle, Bernie W. Finnicum and Raedelle Aspenlieder. Guests: Jim Baldwin, Ed Smith and Larry Crowder, Culbertson School Superintendent.

The Town Council will have 30 days to respond to the recommendations. After the Town responds, the recommendations go to the Transportation Commission before speed zones would be changed.

Culbertson Speed Zone Investigations MT 16 North.

Vehicular speed data and pedestrian counts were collected in May 1998. It is the DOT opinion that the speed zone configuration can be adjusted to better reflect the traffic conditions. Based on the speed statistics and DOT opinion, speed zones should be longer than 400 feet. The DOT recommends the following revisions: 1.) a 35 mph zone shall begin at the south side of the intersection with 8th Street North and continue north an approximate distance of 700 feet. A 45 mph zone shall begin there and continue north an approximate distance of 600 feet.

Culbertson Speed Zone Investigations US 2 West.

Vehicular speed data and pedestrian counts were collected in May 1998. The DOT concludes that any adjustment to the speed zone configuration will have little or no impact in improving student safety. It is also DOT conclusion that it would be logical to reinforce to motorists that this area is experiencing a large amount of pedestrian activity and that they can expect to encounter large groups of pedestrians. For this the DOT recommends the installation of bouncing ball flashing beacons at the crosswalk. The operation of the beacons would be set on a timer so that they would accommodate crossing periods associated with school activities. It will be necessary to get a schedule from school officials to coordinate the bouncing ball flashing beacon operation with school functions at the athletic fields.

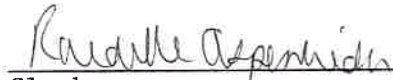
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The bouncing ball flashing beacons approximate cost is \$5,000- \$10,000 for hardware, \$10,000 - \$15,000 for installation. The cost of utilities is ongoing. Town will work with Montana-Dakota Utilities, Co. to see about putting this cost on the street lighting. The DOT said that the school needs to continue to educate the children on safety.

W. Bruce Houle suggested the speed limit be 25 mph all the way through the town limits on Highway 2.

The DOT can't guarantee that the bouncing ball flashing beacons would be installed in the next 18 months. Mick Johnson said the manufacturer is 1 year behind. We could be looking at the year 2000 before project is complete.

The Town Council needs to pass a Resolution stating their recommendations at the 12-7-98 regular council meeting.


Clerk


Mayor

December 7, 1998.

The Culbertson Town Council met in regular session with the following present: Paul S. Finnicum, W. Bruce Houle, Gordon Oelkers, Greg Hennessy, Raedelle Aspenlieder, Robert Jasper and Steven Moore. Absent: Jack Scotson and Bernie W. Finnicum. Guests: Steve Baldwin and Larry Crowder.

Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to approve Nov. 2 & 17, 1998 minutes and accept Oct. 31, 1998 Treasurer Report. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson and Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

MT DOT Traffic Studies. Larry Crowder, Culbertson School Superintendent and Steve Baldwin, School Board Member said the school supports the recommendations from the MT DOT on recent Speed Zone Investigations of US 2 West and MT 16 North. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 298, a Resolution in response to Culbertson Speed Zone Investigations US 2 West and MT 16 North. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson and Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

The cover letter to the State will stress the urgency of the bouncing ball flashing beacons due to the increased truck traffic from fall beet harvest.

Truck Winch. Bob reported that Waste Co. Manufacturing has a used hydraulic winch available for \$2100 plus approximately \$500 labor to install on garbage truck. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to purchase used winch. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson and Bernie W. Finnicum.

Attorney Hennessy will draft a hold harmless agreement for the Corps of Engineers to sign for placement of an 8x8 shelter to house computer equipment at the river pumpsite.

December 7, 1998 cont.

Dike. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to purchase the portion of Roosevelt Memorial Hospital property required for the dike for \$1.00. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson and Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED. Attorney Hennessy has the deed ready. Paul S. Finnicum will have Paul Finnicum and Bernie W. Finnicum sign a letter giving permission for the town to occupy their land during construction of the dike and use dirt from their land for construction of the dike. Paul S. Finnicum said this does not include the CRP field that is nearby. Town submitted an Encroachment Permit to MT DOT.

CI75. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to accept first reading of Ordinance No. 188, an Ordinance pertaining to indemnification of public officers and employees of the Town of Culbertson. The potential civil liability for violations of Initiative 75 is unknown because of the many and varied possibilities of interpretation of the provisions of Initiative 75. Thereby, it is deemed necessary to indemnify the public officials and employees of the Town of Culbertson to avoid the apprehension of executing necessary functions and duties and avoid liability for errors in judgment regarding the provisions of Initiative 75. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson and Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Million Gallon Tank. The plans and specifications for the water storage tank coating and cathodic protection have been prepared by Don Loomer with Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, P.C. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to advertise the project for bid in Williston, Wolf Point, Culbertson, Billings and Great Falls newspapers with bid opening Feb. 1, 1999. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson and Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Swimming Pool Evaluations. Lu Simensen contacted the town office to inquire about getting a copy of Taylor Simensen's lifeguard evaluation for the summer of 1998. Paul S. Finnicum, councilman in charge of pool, has those. Lu should contact Paul for a copy.

Computer and Software. No new news on Black Mountain software, still waiting for them to meet with Raedelle in Wolf Point. The TAABS Utility Billing System can be transferred over to the new Gateway Computer with no problem.

Copy Machine. Is the town interested in a copy machine service agreement with Gaffaney's, annual cost \$267.50, includes cleaning, all parts except toner, developer and paper. NO.

9-1-1. Carol Lyseng has resigned from the 9-1-1 Advisory Committee. Paul S. Finnicum made a motion to appoint Teresa Moore to represent Culbertson on the 9-1-1 Advisory Committee. W. Bruce Houle seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: Paul S. Finnicum and W. Bruce Houle. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson and Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Modern Aire Flight Service. Clerk received a call from County Commissioner Dean Harmon questioning the bill for 1/2 of the expenses submitted by Modern Aire Flight Service. Clerk will research past practice and hold payment of that invoice for now.

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Dodge Diplomat. W. Bruce Houle made a motion to accept bid from Danny Heckmun of \$25.00 for Dodge Diplomat, with any and all cost incurred in sale be purchaser responsibility. Paul S. Finnicum seconded the motion. Those voting in favor of the motion: W. Bruce Houle and Paul S. Finnicum. Absent and not voting: Jack Scotson and Bernie W. Finnicum. MOTION CARRIED.

Council reviewed application for Transfer of Ownership of Montana All-Alcoholic Beverage License No. 17-218-6938-001, Stagecoach Casino, 602 6th Ave. E., Culbertson. Council had no objection and no local deficiency.

GJV. General journal voucher #227 was approved and signed.

Flood Mitigation. Clerk requested copies of grant applications through the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program for Planning Grants and Project Grants.

MMIA has available coverage for business income/loss of rent.

Dog Licensing. Town will advertise dog licensing free in January so we can register most dogs for identification purposes.

The following bills were reviewed by the auditing committee and ordered paid:

| <u>General Fund:</u> | | <u>Enterprise Fund:</u> | |
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| Raedelle Aspenlieder | 1518.08 | Postmaster | 80.00 |
| PERS | 279.52 | Steven Moore | 1655.66 |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | 86.60 | Abe Rumsey | 250.55 |
| First Community Bank | 493.78 | Robert Jasper | 1739.70 |
| Valley Tele. | 27.33 | Joyce S. Norris | 101.77 |
| The City Line | 318.88 | Alan Aspenlieder | 29.50 |
| MDU | 28.80 | Tom Marchwick | 11.64 |
| MDU | 320.09 | Michael Nickoloff | 79.66 |
| Bruce Waldhausen | 125.00 | PERS | 645.99 |
| Gaffaney's | 127.85 | MT Dept. of Revenue | 220.59 |
| Hometown Market | 25.31 | First Community Bank | 1230.58 |
| Searchlight | 6.00 | Sheridan Electric | 10.00 |
| CHMS, P.C. | 3400.00 | The City Line | 43.57 |
| Modern Aire Flight Serv. | 1306.80 | MDU | 613.26 |
| Hawkins Water Treatment | 300.00 | DNRC | 32800.34 |
| Nemont Tele. | 146.10 | Oelkers Servicenter | 402.93 |
| Searchlight | 30.00 | First Community Bank | 300.00 |
| TOTAL | \$8,540.14 | Hometown Market | 11.20 |
| | | Hawkins Water Treatment | 630.02 |
| | | Finnicum's | 67.51 |
| | | Crane Water Lab | 15.00 |
| | | Franz Const. Inc. | 87.50 |
| | | Industrial Systems | 91.32 |
| | | Northwest Pipe Fittings | 435.07 |
| | | Miller Oil Co. | 96.98 |
| | | Interstate Detroit Diesel | 377.11 |
| | | Williston Sanitary Landfill | 831.60 |
| | | MDU | 499.87 |
| | | Nemont Tele. | 102.76 |
| | | Modern Machine Works | 452.89 |
| | | Farm Plan | 36.36 |
| | | MDU | 57.08 |
| <u>Special Funds:</u> | | | |
| Betty Schroeder | 92.15 | | |
| MT Dept. of Revenue | .70 | | |
| First Community Bank | 15.30 | | |
| The City Line | 96.93 | | |
| MDU | 9.57 | | |
| MDU | 949.79 | | |
| Karen Baxter | 18.86 | | |
| Roos. Co. Sheriff Dept. | 916.66 | | |
| Triple M | 14.93 | | |
| Finnicum's | 18.70 | | |
| Johnstone Supply | 132.67 | | |

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Special Funds cont.

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| Farm Plan | 39.28 |
| Karen Baxter | 29.18 |
| Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson | <u>1150.56</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$3,485.28</u> |

Enterprise Funds cont.

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Northwest Pipe Fittings | 53.86 |
| GC Systems, Inc. | 155.73 |
| Kohler Communications | <u>1145.00</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$45,362.60</u> |

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Russell Aspenheim
Clerk

Salvador Albu
Mayor